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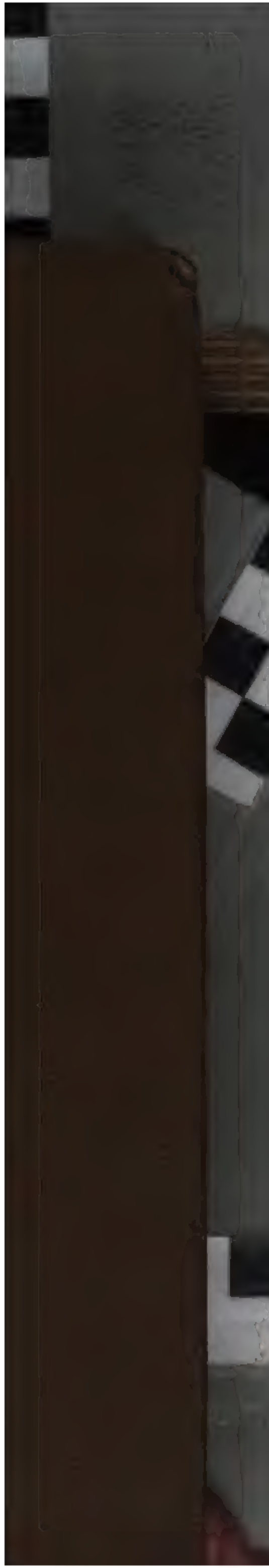
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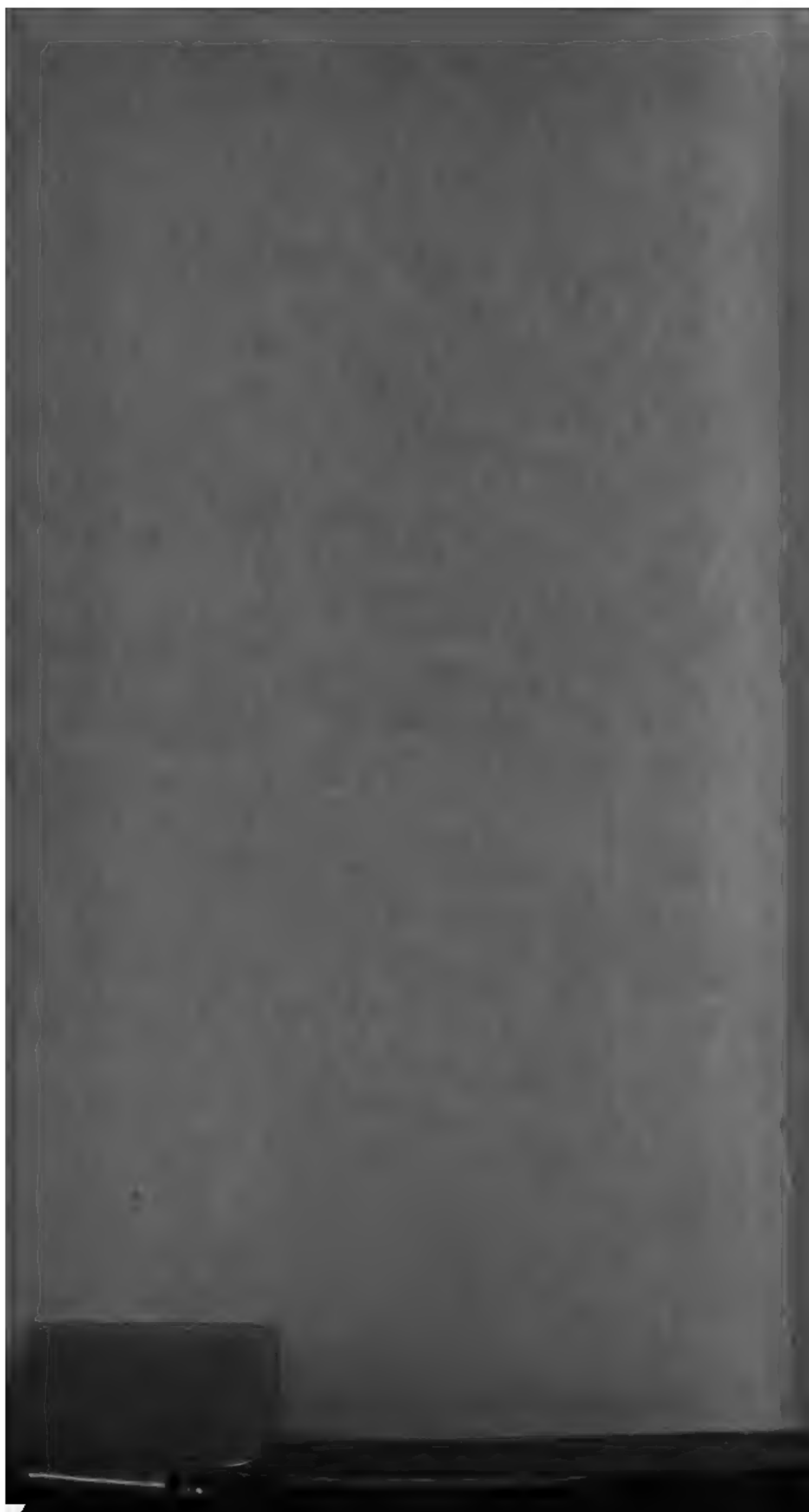
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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

CONVENTION HELD IN THE CITY OF NEW-YORK,

ON THE 27th OF APRIL, 1833,

FOR THE FORMATION OF

THE AMERICAN BAPTIST HOME

Mission Society,

WITH THE

CONSTITUTION OF THE SOCIETY,

AND A

LIST OF ITS OFFICERS,

ACCOMPANIED BY

AN ADDRESS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

TO THE

BAPTIST CHURCHES OF THE UNITED STATES.



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CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I. This Society shall be called the **AMERICAN BAPTIST HOME MISSION SOCIETY.**

ARTICLE II. The great object of the Society shall be to promote the preaching of the gospel in North America.

ARTICLE III. Any person may become a member of this Society by contributing annually to its funds; thirty dollars paid at one time shall constitute a member for life; one hundred dollars paid at one time shall constitute a director for life; and any person on paying a sum, which, in addition to any previous contribution, shall amount to one hundred dollars, shall be a director for life: and any Baptist Church, or Association, or State Convention, or Missionary Society that contributes annually to the objects of this Society, shall be entitled to be represented by one or more delegates, in its annual meetings.

ARTICLE IV. The officers of this Society shall be a President, Vice-Presidents, a Treasurer, an Auditor, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, and Fifty Directors, who shall be annually appointed by the Society.

ARTICLE V. The officers and Life Directors shall appoint an Executive Committee of thirteen persons, (including the Treasurer, the Corresponding Secretary, and the Recording Secretary,) residing in the city of New-York and its vicinity, five of whom shall be a quorum at any meeting regularly convened. This Committee shall have power to appoint its own meetings, form its own rules of business, and fill any vacancies which may occur during the year, and convene special meetings of the Board and of the Society; shall appoint missionaries, and instruct them as to the field and manner of their labours; shall dispose of the funds for the objects of the Society, (provided that all moneys contributed for any specific purpose shall be faithfully applied only to that particular object;) shall create such agency or agencies for the appointment of missionaries and for other purposes, as the interests of the Society may require; and shall make an annual report of their proceedings to the Society. All the Officers, Executive Committee, Agents and Missionaries of the Society shall be members of some regular Baptist Church, in general union with the body of that denomination.

ARTICLE VI. The Treasurer shall give bonds to such amount as the Executive Committee shall think proper.

ARTICLE VII. Any Baptist Missionary Society may become auxiliary, by agreeing to pay into the treasury of this Society the whole of its surplus funds, and sending to the Corresponding Secretary a copy of its Constitution and Annual Reports, mentioning the names of its missionaries and the fields of their operations.

ARTICLE VIII. Every Auxiliary Society, which shall agree to pay the whole of its funds to this Society, shall be entitled to a missionary or missionaries to labour in such field as it may designate, to an amount at least equal to that of its contributions: provided, such designation be made at the time of payment.

ARTICLE IX. The officers of Auxiliary Societies shall be ex-officio Directors of this Society, and their members shall be members of this Society.

ARTICLE X. The annual meeting of the Society shall be held at such time and place, as the Society shall determine at a previous annual meeting.

ARTICLE XI. No alteration of this Constitution shall be made, without an affirmative vote of two thirds of the members present at an annual meeting; nor, unless the same shall have been suggested at a previous annual meeting, or recommended by the Executive Committee.

ORIGIN AND ORGANIZATION
OF THE
AM. BAPTIST HOME MISSION SOCIETY.

The spiritual destitution of many of the new states in the Union having been the subject of anxious consideration, to some individual members of the Baptist denomination, in the vicinity of Boston, one of their number was solicited by the others to make a missionary tour to the west. The result of the observations thus made, was presented to the Baptist Missionary Society of Massachusetts.

At a meeting of that body held in Boston, in the month of November last, it was resolved, in view of the spiritual wants of our country, that measures should be taken to arouse the Baptist community throughout the United States, to systematic and vigorous efforts in the cause of Domestic Missions. The field to be assumed included the whole of the United States, but more especially the Valley of the Mississippi. It was further resolved, that, for this purpose, a general Home Mission Society ought to be formed. At the same time, a resolution was adopted, expressing it as the conviction of the meeting, that it was the duty of the Rev. Jonathan Going, of Worcester, Mass., to relinquish his pastoral charge, and to devote himself to the interest of the proposed Society.

As a deputation from the Baptist Missionary Society of Massachusetts, the Rev. Dr. Sharp, and the Rev. Dr. Bolles, of Boston, and the Rev. Jonathan Going, visited the city of New-York, and held a conference with members of the Board of the New-York Baptist Missionary Society, and others of the denomination, who regarded with interest the spiritual needs of our country. In this city, and also in Philadelphia, which was visited by a part of the deputation, the measures already taken and the further proceedings which were proposed, received the sanction of the friends of Missionary effort in our churches.

The degree of interest and favour, wherewith the design was met, together with other attendant circumstances, seemed clearly to indicate the will of Divine Providence, that the American Baptists should forthwith enter upon vigorous and united efforts, for the maintenance and enlargement of Domestic Missions.

To make arrangements for gaining with the utmost promptitude and clearness, the sentiments of the denomination throughout the United States, a Provisional Executive Committee was elected in the city of New-York, and a Constitution drafted for the pro-

posed Society, subject, of course, to future revision. The Committee having been organized, chose as officers to act for the time advancing the proposed object, the Rev. Jonathan Going as Corresponding Secretary; William Colgate, Esq. of New-York as the Treasurer, and William R. Williams, of the same city, as the Recording Secretary. A Committee were instructed at the same time, to issue a circular, stating the designs of the proposed institution, containing also the draft of a Constitution; and inviting the attendance of members of the denomination from all parts of the Union, at a Convention to be held in the Mulberry-street Baptist Meeting House, in the city of New-York, on the 27th of April, 1832, for the purpose of giving to the Society a formal organization. The circular accordingly prepared was published in several of the newspapers conducted by members of the denomination.

On the day above mentioned, (the Baptist General Convention for Foreign Missions, which was in session in the same city at the same time, adjourning to allow the attendance of its members upon this meeting,) there was a numerous attendance of ministers and other brethren at the place before designated; comprising individuals from fourteen of the States and one of the Territories of the Union.

MINUTES OF THE CONVENTION.

At a Convention of ministers and other members of the Baptist denomination, from the different parts of the United States, held in the Meeting House of the Mulberry-street Baptist Church, in the city of New-York, on Friday, the 27th of April, 1832, pursuant to invitation publicly given.

After prayer by the Rev. James D Knowles, of Mass., the Convention was organized by electing the Hon. Thomas Stokes, of Georgia, as Chairman, the Rev. Nathaniel Kendrick, D. D. New-York, Secretary, and W. R. Williams, of New-York, Assistant Secretary of the meeting.

The Rev. Jonathan Going read the Circular which contained the call of the meeting, and comprising also a sketch of the purposes of the society and the draft of a constitution.

On motion of the Rev. S. H. Cone, of New-York, seconded by the Rev. A. Maclay, of New-York, it was unanimously resolved,

That it is expedient to form an American Baptist Home Mission Society.

The constitution having been read and considered, article by article, was, after discussion, and with some amendments, unanimously adopted.

Rev. S. H. Cone, and Thomas Stokes, Esq. of New-York, Rev. James D. Knowles, and Hon. Heman Lincoln, of Mass. and Rev. Elon Galusha, of New-York, were appointed by the Chairman as a committee to nominate a list of officers for the ensuing year.

The following persons were on nomination of said committee subsequently elected the officers of the society:

LIST OF OFFICERS.

PRESIDENT,

Hon. HENRY LINCOLN, of Massachusetts.

VICE PRESIDENTS.

Gen. Alfred Richardson, of Maine.	Dr. B. F. Edwards, of Ill.
Philip Brown, Esq. of N. H.	Rev. Jeremiah Vardeman, of Missouri
Hon. George N. Briggs, of Mass.	L. D. Ring, Esq. of Tenn.
Hon. N. H. Bottom of Vermont.	Gen. Edward D. King, of Alabama.
Robert Rogers, Esq. of R. I.	Dr. M. Cunningham, of A. Ter.
Albert Day, Esq. of Conn.	Hon. Thomas Stocks of Georgia.
Friend Humphrey, Esq. of New-York.	Hon. Mr. Griffin, of S. C.
Hon. Jehu Patterson, of New-Jersey.	Rev. Thomas Hooper, Professor in the
Levi Garrett, Esq. of Penn.	University of N. C.
Thomas Baldwin, Esq. of Del.	Enoch Reynolds, Esq. of D. C.
William Crane, Esq. of Virginia.	Hon. Caleb Eldred, of Michigan Ter.
John Van Buskirk, Esq. of Kentucky.	Thomas Stokes, Esq. of New-York.
Hon. Francis Dunlavey, of Ohio.	Rev. James Lemen, of Illinois.
Hon. Jesse L. Holman, of Ind.	—— Paulding, Esq. of Louisiana.

DIRECTORS.

Rev. Jeremiah Chaplin, D. D. President of Waterville College, Me.	Rev. John Booth, of Michigan Ter.
Benjamin F. Farnsworth, Prof. in Lit. & Theo. Inst. N. H.	John Stanford, D. D. of New York
Daniel Sharp, D. D. of Mass.	Archibald Maclay, do
Hadley Proctor, of Vermont.	Spencer H. Cone, do
Francis Wayland, jr. D. D. Pres. of Brown University, R. I.	Charles G. Sommers, do
Elisha Cushman, of Conn.	Bartholomew T. Welch, do
N. Kendrick, D. D., N. Y. Prin. of Lit. & Theo. Inst. at Hamilton.	C. C. P. Crosby, do
Daniel Dodge, of New-Jersey.	Duncan Dunbar, do
W. T. Brantly, D. D. of Penn.	Gustavus F. Davis, of Conn.
J. P. Peckworth, of Delaware.	J. O. Choules, of Rhode Island,
John Healy of Maryland.	Lucius Bolles, D. D. of Mass.
John Kerr, of Virginia.	Aaron Leland, of Vermont.
S. M. Noel, D. D. of Kentucky.	Greenleaf S. Webb, of N. Jersey,
George C. Sedgwick, of Ohio.	John L. Dagg, of Pennsylvania.
Rice McCoy, of Indiana.	David Jones, do
Hubbell Loomis, of Illinois.	O. C. Comstock, of New-York.
Thomas P. Green, of Missouri.	Elon Galusha, do
Garner McComico, of Tennessee,	John Peck, do
Dr. Cooper, of Mississippi.	Obadiah B. Brown, of D. C.
Alva Woods, D. D. Pres. of the University of Alabama.	Andrew Broadbent of Virginia.
Jesse Mercer, of Georgia.	Ira Chase, of Mass., Professor in
Basil Manly, of South Carolina.	Lit. & Theol. Inst. at Newton,
Thomas Meredith, of N. Carolina.	Mass.
Stephen Chapin, D. D. Pres. of Columbian Col. D. of Columbia.	Wm. B. Johnson, of S. Carolina.
William Colgate, Esq. of New-York— <i>Treasurer.</i>	Solomon Peck, of Mass. Prof. in
Garret N. Bleecker, Esq. of New-York— <i>Auditor.</i>	Amherst College Mass.
Rev. Jonathan Going, of Massachusetts— <i>Corresponding Secretary.</i>	John N. Peck, of Illinois.
William R. Williams, of New-York— <i>Recording Secretary.</i>	Samuel S. Lynde, of Ohio.
	Joel S. Bacon, of Kentucky, Pres.
	of Georgetown Col. Kentucky.

At a meeting of the Society, on the 1st of May, 1832, it was determined to hold the first Annual Meeting of the Society in the city of New-York, in the Meeting House of the Mulberry-Street Baptist Church, on the Wednesday immediately preceding the 2d Thursday in May, 1833, at 4 P. M.

• EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

At a meeting of the Officers of the Society, held on Tuesday, May 1st, 1832, in the Oliver-street Baptist Meeting House, the following persons were appointed as the Executive Committee, for the year:

Rev. Archibald Maclay,	Mr. Charles L. Roberts,
Spencer H. Cone,	Nathan Caswell,
Charles G. Sommers,	William Winterton,
Duncan Dunbar,	Timothy R. Green, Esq.
C. C. P. Crosby,	Mr. George W. Houghton.
Rev. Jonathan Going, <i>Corresponding Secretary of the Society.</i>	
William Colgate, Esq. <i>Treasurer.</i>	
William R. Williams, <i>Recording Secretary.</i>	

SUBSEQUENT PROCEEDINGS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND PLAN OF OPERATIONS.

At the meetings of the Executive Committee, since their appointment, which have been frequent, a plan of operations has been proposed by the Corresponding Secretary, in pursuance of a request to that effect from the Executive Committee; and has by them been adopted.

The following are its outlines:—

PLAN OF OPERATIONS.

I. It should be a primary object with the committee, *to obtain and disseminate information*, respecting the actual moral condition of the country; particularly, as to that of the Valley of the Mississippi, and more especially within the Baptist denomination.

The means suggested for effecting this are,

1. Correspondence with men of intelligence and piety.
2. The procurement of minutes, and reports of State Conventions, or other religious bodies, and all documents containing religious statistics.
3. Publick addresses by the Corresponding Secretary and other agents and missionaries of the society.
4. Through the press by frequent publications in the periodicals under the charge of the denomination.

II. Measures should be adopted *to excite the entire Baptist community to systematic, liberal and vigorous action*, in efforts to meliorate the moral condition of the country, and to advance the spiritual prosperity of our denomination.

The numbers, intelligence, influence and wealth of our denomination allow, our duty and interest demand such increased action. The improvement of the churches at home, while it would preserve them from retrogradation and decay, would greatly enlarge our ability to aid in this and every other enterprise of religious charity.

III. The grand purpose of our organization should be steadily regarded,—*the preaching of the gospel to every creature in our country.*

Of the regular ministration of the gospel of life and salvation, a large portion of the people in the United States are destitute. Other denominations of Christians are making noble and successful efforts; and we rejoice in their success, as far as they publish the great truths of the gospel. But the field is not less wide than *it is "ripe already to harvest,"* the reapers are few and there is no

reason to fear collision in so large a space of unevangelized territory. Many churches in the Atlantic states are without pastors, and there are in that region, promising fields of labour, as yet wanting alike churches and pastors. But the chief attention of the society at the present period, should undoubtedly be directed to the Valley of the West.

For its supply provision may be made—

1. By employing ministers of suitable qualifications, who may be found now resident there, but who from the necessity of pursuing some secular avocation, do not as yet give themselves wholly to the work of the ministry.

2. By fixing from among our younger ministers, men of piety and talent, and who have enjoyed the advantages of education, in the cities and villages of the West, having a regard to the influence which each position may exercise, from its local advantages, commercial or literary, over the cause of religion and education in the surrounding country.

3. By encouraging experienced and influential ministers, of more advanced years, who may wish to emigrate from the Atlantic States westward; and furnishing information and advice as to the most promising situations for extensive and lasting usefulness. A more equal distribution of the ministerial gifts vouchsafed to the church by its great Head should thus be sought. At present the same amount of members of Baptist churches have on the two sides of the Allegany a very different ratio of pastors.

4. By establishing as soon as may be, an agency or agencies in each state and territory. These, alike, in diffusing and gathering intelligence, in their influence upon the churches, ministers and missionaries of their several states or territories, and in the collection of funds, would, if wisely selected, prove the most efficient and economical instrumentality that could be employed.

5. By encouraging the reciprocal and friendly intercourse of the Western and Eastern Baptists, in the occasional visits of ministering brethren from the one to the other region of country.

IV. A large amount of Funds is obviously needed, among the indispensable means of our enterprise.

These should be sought in the following modes;

1. Through the medium of State Conventions and other local institutions for the support of Home Missions, whose resources together with those of this society, might be increased by the co-operation of the agents, or by employing a common agent.

2. Auxiliary societies, where necessary, should be formed.

3. The corresponding secretary will be called to travel as extensively as his other duties will permit, and to solicit collections.

4. The employment of other agents, temporary or permanent, will be required.

5. Churches may be requested to contribute by constituting their pastors life-directors or life members of this society.

6. Further efforts may be made in churches by personal application to each member, on the principle of our auxiliary associations, or otherwise, to procure annual contributions to our funds.

7. Ministers might also, once in each year, commend the object to their people, delivering a discourse on the claims of the society.

8. Churches and congregations, benefited by aid from this society

in supporting their pastor, may be stimulated to assist us, as God shall prosper them, as well by assuming at an early period the whole burden of supporting the ministry among themselves, as by contributing for the extension of similar benefits to other and more destitute neighbourhoods.

PROSPECTS OF THE SOCIETY.

Several missionaries have already been appointed, and it is intended to make other appointments, without delay, as soon as persons shall be found possessing the qualifications requisite for missionary usefulness.

The amount of funds already received or subscribed, exceeds that which might have been anticipated, were regard had only to the recent date at which the society was formed. As far indeed as the object has been made known, and public sentiment has been elicited, the society would seem to have commended itself alike to the judgment and the affections of the brethren composing our churches.

The promises of God, and the openings of his providence, encourage us to expect great things; duty requires to attempt great things; wisely shaping and vigorously executing our plans of labour, it behooves us, in the might of faith and in the constant invocation of that blessing which alone can either create or uphold prosperity, to endeavour to accomplish great things.

With feelings of this kind, the following resolution was, at a meeting of the Executive Committee, held on the 18th May, 1832, unanimously adopted, on motion of the Rev. Charles G. Sommers, seconded by the Rev. Spencer H. Cone.

Resolved, That in view of the wants of our country and the consequent duties of our denomination, and in the fear of God and in dependence on His aid, this committee will endeavour to raise during this year, at least, the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars, to be expended in Domestic Missions.

AUXILIARIES.

It has never been designed that the society should narrow or embarrass the operations of the State Conventions and other societies, less extended in the range of their exertions, now labouring in the field of home Missions. It was hoped that it might rather envelope and unite them, giving greater harmony of effort and greater efficiency, and preventing alike, the embarrassing interference and collision of two societies in the same sphere of labour, and the neglect of those regions, which, though greatly destitute, were without the purview of any existing institution.

"One leading object in the establishment of the society has been to combine in one sacred brotherhood, all the friends of Domestic Missions, among our denomination, throughout the United States." It is designed to encourage efficiently all local efforts for supplying the destitute with the preaching of the gospel; and not in the least degree to interfere with or disturb them. "The denomination," as was remarked in the circular issued by the Provisional Executive Committee, "has always suffered from the want of some bond of union, obviously proper among those who hold '*one Lord, one faith, one baptism.*'" Home Missions present the least

objectionable basis for such an union; and it is hoped, that, at no distant period, one spirit may animate the thousands of our Israel in efforts for their common interest, and in the noblest labours of love for the good of souls ready to perish."

To effect the most simple and successful co-operation, it has been thought advisable to prepare and recommend two plans to be adopted in attaching to this society and in organizing auxiliary institutions; the one for those larger societies, whose labours cover an extended region, and who are themselves surrounded and upheld by their auxiliaries; the other for the minor institutions, which it would be desirable to form within the limits of the larger, and comprising the male or the female members of a particular church, or both, or the inhabitants of a particular town or county, and whose labours would be directed rather to the accumulation than the disbursement of missionary funds.

To those who feel it, therefore, alike an obligation and a privilege to aid in this design for enlarging and establishing the kingdom of the Redeemer, the Executive Committee would recommend the following form of a constitution for the formation of the larger auxiliary societies, and the stipulations which will attach them or the institutions already existing to this society, as also the accompanying form of rules for the lesser auxiliary associations.

FORM OF CONSTITUTION

Recommended for the adoption of Auxiliary Societies.

ART. I.—This Society shall be known by the name of the Baptist Domestic Missionary Society of _____, and shall be Auxiliary to the American Baptist Home Mission Society.

ART. II.—This Society shall be composed of such individuals as shall contribute annually to its funds, together with the members of the several Auxiliary Societies for Home Missions within its limits.

ART. III.—The officers of the Society shall be a President, Vice-President, a Treasurer, and a Secretary, to be chosen at the Annual Meeting. These officers, together with at least one person from each of its several Auxiliaries, shall constitute a Board of Directors, of whom five shall be a quorum at any meeting regularly convened.

ART. IV.—It shall be the duty of the Board of Directors to meet at the call of the President. They shall be authorized to appoint an Executive Committee, who shall adopt the most energetic measures in their power for the accomplishment of the objects of the Society, by collecting funds, disseminating intelligence, sending a deputation to all the annual meetings of their own Auxiliaries and of the Parent Society, and generally using all suitable means to excite and maintain an interest in the cause of Home Missions.

ART. V.—The annual receipts of the Society, after defraying incidental expenses, shall be paid over to the Treasurer of the Parent Society, with directions as to the section of country in which it shall be expended in missionary labours, should the Executive Committee deem it important to give such directions.

ART. VI.—The Society shall meet as often as called by the directors, and annually, on the _____ of March, when the officers shall be elected; the accounts of the Treasurer, properly audited, shall be presented, and the annual report of the Executive Committee received, and at which meeting this Constitution may be amended by a vote of two thirds of the members present.

ART. VII.—A copy of the Constitution, authenticated by the Secretary, together with the names and the residences of the officers annually elected, and also a copy of each annual report shall be transmitted to the Corresponding Secretary of the American Baptist Home Mission Society.

STIPULATIONS

Between the American Baptist Home Mission Society and its Auxiliaries.

It is the desire of the American Baptist Home Mission Society, in the prosecution of its great object of promoting the dissemination of the gospel in North America, not to supersede or to embarrass the operations of local societies, but on the contrary to strengthen and stimulate them, giving to their labours greater facility and larger extension. To secure this object, they propose to the local and more limited Institutions a friendly correspondence and co-operation upon the following principles.

1. That each local society become auxiliary to this society, according to the 8th article of its constitution, by agreeing to place at the disposal of its Executive Committee, the whole of their income after defraying incidental expenses: Provided, however, that the whole, or any part of such income, that may have been reported to this society as subject to its order, be allowed to remain in the treasury of the auxiliary, if requested by their Board of Direction, for the payment of missionaries and agents as hereinafter stipulated.

2. This society shall allow the auxiliary the right to appoint, direct, and pay missionaries within their specified limits, to any amount not exceeding such income, so reported to be subject to the order of the Executive Committee of this society: Provided, that the appointment of missionaries by such auxiliary shall be in the manner following, viz: A sufficient number of blank commissions shall be furnished to the auxiliary, signed by the chairman of the Executive Committee and the Corresponding Secretary of the Society, which shall be filled and countersigned by the proper officers of the auxiliary, and issued on their responsibility.

3. When the auxiliary shall report the income or receipts of the same to the Executive Committee of the Parent Society, with the request above mentioned, the committee shall direct the Treasurer to issue an order to the directors of the auxiliary to retain such sum for the payment of missionaries appointed and commissioned as above.

4. Should appropriations, beyond the income or receipts of an auxiliary be needed within their limits, they may be made directly by this society, or a specified sum may be committed to the auxiliary for the purpose.

5. Auxiliaries shall be governed in their appropriations by the same general principles which govern the appropriations of this society.

6. Agents for the collection of funds may be appointed by the Executive Committee of this Society, with the recommendation or consent of the auxiliary; and all agents so appointed, shall report the amount of their collections both to this society and to the auxiliary; and such agents shall receive their compensation from the auxiliary or this society, or both, in such proportions as shall be agreed on.

7. When societies become auxiliary according to the 7th article of the constitution of this society, a definite arrangement, where practicable, shall be made between this society and such auxiliary, as to the amount or proportion of the income or receipts which each shall receive.

It is understood that the Executive Committee of the American Baptist Home Mission Society engage to perform the above stipulations with auxiliary societies: *Provided*, that the limits of such auxiliary societies be such as in their opinion, will facilitate the operations of this society; *and provided also*, that such arrangement shall not be so construed as to debar this society from the liberty of co-operating, in the same manner, if desired, with any local society within the limits of an auxiliary, acting independently of such auxiliary.

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Be it remembered, that the above stipulations were made and agreed to by and between the American Baptist Home Mission Society and the

In witness whereof, we have hereunto subscribed our names.

————— Cor. Sec. of A. B. H. M. S.
————— Sec. of ——— M. S.

RULES

For the management of Auxiliary Associations in support of Home Missions.

1. This Association shall be called The [or Female]
Baptist Missionary Association, Auxiliary to the American Baptist Home Mission Society, [or to the (Auxiliary) Baptist Domestic Missionary Society of .]

2. Any person contributing annually to the funds shall be a member.

3. *The affairs of the Association shall be conducted by a First and Second Director, [or Directress,] a Secretary, a Treasurer and Collectors, who shall be chosen annually, and together shall constitute a committee.

4. The committee shall meet at least once in three months, appoint Assistant Collectors, and take every other mode to advance the interests of the Association.

5. The First Director [or Directress,] and in case of his [or her] absence, the Second Director [or Directress] shall preside in all meetings of the Association, and have power to call special meetings.

The Secretary shall have charge of the records and correspondence.

The Treasurer shall take charge of the funds collected, and after deducting all incidental expenses, pay the residue to the American Baptist Home Mission Society, [or to the (*Auxiliary*) Baptist Domestic Missionary Society of .]

The Collectors shall solicit and receive contributions, making for the purpose a suitable division of their labours, calling on the individuals within their several limits, taking the names of persons disposed to contribute, and their subscriptions, and shall, previous to the annual meeting, pay in the amount of their collections to the Treasurer.

6. The Association shall meet annually, on the second Monday in March of each year, when the annual report shall be read and officers elected for the ensuing year; at which time also these rules may be altered by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

7. The annual report of this Association, shall be transmitted by the Secretary to the Corresponding Secretary of the American Baptist Home Mission Society, [or the (*Auxiliary*) Baptist Domestic Missionary Society of .] immediately after the annual meeting of the Association.

PURPOSE OF STIPULATIONS.

In the preparation of the above forms, and indeed, in most of the details of their plans, this society have felt themselves not only authorised but required to avail themselves freely of the fruits of the wisdom and experience of their brethren in other denominations, who have preceded them in the same extended field of labour. The blessing which has rested upon their exertions, forms alike a high encouragement to hope, and a powerful incentive to christian emulation.

In presenting the form of stipulations, which will constitute the guiding and uniting tie between this society and the larger auxiliaries, we cannot withhold the statement of purposes and arguments, with which the brethren, to whom allusion has been made, have commended a similar form to the adoption of their own churches. These present a simplicity and a power of motive which belong to no one sect or party, but appeal alike to the common reason and the common faith of the whole brotherhood of evangelical christians. These considerations, as adduced by them, and as applicable to our society, are

"1. Wherever these stipulations are adopted, they will bring the influence of the parent society to act on its auxiliaries in the matter of raising funds, and thus a principle distinctly avowed in the formation of the society, will be most securely guarded, viz: *That it was intended to encourage efficiently all local efforts for supplying to the destitute the preaching of the gospel, without the least degree of interference with them.* On this plan, the agent of each auxiliary will

* Where a church is disposed to resolve itself into an auxiliary association, the article may be thus modified:

"The affairs of this Association shall be conducted by the officers of this church; such officers shall from among themselves or the other members of the church, annually appoint a First and Second Director, a Secretary, a Treasurer and Collectors, who shall together constitute a committee."

also be the agent of the parent society, and by aiming to be constantly advised of the operations and necessities of the latter, will be able to acquaint each congregation which he may address, with what the whole country is doing; and the influence of example will be fully felt, while the great national object, by being presented as *one and undivided*, will assume an importance as much superior to that exhibited by the separate claims of a local society, as the wants of the nation are more extensive than those of a single state or county: and it is found that when facts are presented as the ground of appeal, christians and patriots are disposed to contribute in proportion to the magnitude of the work, to be accomplished by their beneficence. In this way the resources of each local society may be greatly increased by a connexion with the national institution.

"2. By these stipulations, each auxiliary society is left to the independent and unembarrassed exercise of all its rights, in the business of appropriating its own funds to the relief of the needy within its limits, while it secures to itself the additional opportunity of counselling in the application of other appropriations made by the parent society within the same bounds. And this is an advantage which will be very gladly yielded to local societies, whose knowledge of the work to be done in their own limits, is in all cases, much more minute and particular than can be possessed through the medium of correspondence with the parent society.

"3. These stipulations, wherever they shall be adopted, will put it out of the power of the parent institution to contravene the wishes of those whose business it is to manage the affairs, and guard the purity of the churches in the different sections of our country. Where appropriations beyond an amount contributed by the auxiliary are needed in the district of that auxiliary, the parent Society will of course find it alike convenient and necessary to consult the wishes and avail itself of the counsels of its own auxiliary.

"The general Society thus claims to be but the servant of churches. It pretends to no ecclesiastical authority. It interferes not with the discipline or the peculiar views of doctrine, of any of our churches. The society has no charter and no funded property. It has its being only in the confidence and co-operation of the christian public; and should it ever, through unfaithfulness to its trust, cease to deserve these, its auxiliaries may withdraw their aid and the society ceases to exist.

"4. The effect of the whole plan, should it be universally acted upon by the churches, will secure the following advantages.

"It will prevent the interference and conflicting action of a number of independent societies, occupying portions of the same field, without concert of views and without harmony of feeling. The state conventions and other local societies, will be led to supply in the first instance their own destitute; while the general society, gathering strength from the resources of its auxiliaries, will be *the servant of all*, in conveying their surplus charities to the new and increasing fields of desolation in our frontier settlements. For this service the parent society, sustained by the co-operation here recommended, will possess peculiar advantages. Its office will be the *centre of intelligence* on the subject of Home Missions, and the *medium* through which the numerous local societies may communi-

cate with each other. And what gives life and energy to this whole system, is that the parent society, thus sustained, is enabled to employ permanent officers, and thus to be in effect, *constantly in session*. This is an advantage to which no local society can aspire, but which is indispensable to the prompt and successful prosecution of missions, over a field so extensive and diversified, as yet remains to be occupied by christian zeal in this country.

"This plan is also suited to produce a uniformity of operation, and the missionaries of the auxiliaries being also the missionaries of the parent society, will be reported as such in an annual alphabetical list, with the appropriate designation of the local society which sustains them. Thus the influence of each auxiliary will be embodied, and an annual report presented which will embrace the doings of all; and the local societies will no longer be regarded as rivals of each other, but as fellow labourers in the same field, and their missionaries as all belonging to the same family."

ADDRESS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

To the Baptist Churches of the United States.

THE spirit of the Gospel is a spirit of missionary zeal. When the Church obtained from the Saviour, the promise of his continued presence "unto the end of the world," she received also the injunction to go forth, and preach "among all nations," in His name, "repentance and the remission of sins." No lapse of time has weakened the promise, or can avail to abrogate the commandment, which, from the beginning, accompanied and guarded it.

If we inquire, to what extent the churches of Christ in the most favoured lands are now fulfilling this solemn requisition, we find occasion for sorrow, and a call alike to immediate reformation and to extensive action. In this country, whose Zion has, during the past year, been so abundantly watered with the outpoured Spirit from on high, it were an easy task to show, in the vicinity of neighbourhoods the most highly evangelized, others, over which the rays of truth seem to have shot; passing onward to illumine more distant regions, but leaving in these an unbroken darkness. In the West, the wide range of territory, which has become familiarly known to us by the appellation of the Great Valley of the Mississippi, presents a population active and enterprising; possessing in a remarkable degree the elements of ardent and energetic character, claiming and gaining, each day, a higher influence; but lamentably destitute of the frequent and faithful preaching of that Gospel which can alone bestow on the energy of individuals or communities a wise direction and a happy issue.

This wide space already counts, within its bounds, one third of the population of our union; and its teeming soil will, probably, in a few years, sustain the majority of our nation. Were it given over to ignorance, to the mere absence of the truth, it were no ordinary evil. Ignorance, even when uncultivated, never yet proved itself a barren soil. With us it has not been left to the want of all culture, to its own native and rank growth of evil, but the apostles

of skepticism and atheism, and the emissaries of the Man of Sin have laboured to sow over the vacant field their own bitter and poisonous seed. The Christian communities, which, in many portions of this territory, withstand or tamely witness these labours, are, all of them, embarrassed by the general neglect of early education, and of some, little can be hoped, distracted as they are with minute and endless schisms, in some parts infected with heresy, and in others paralyzed by a self-complacent indolence. Did we estimate the wants of this great valley, merely as patriots, calculating its future destinies, and auguring its immense influence, capability and power we might rest here. But, as Christians, we look to the four millions of immortal spirits which tenant this region; many of them entirely destitute of the knowledge of the Gospel, and others of them receiving, but some distorted heresy or cunningly devised fable, which has usurped the name and is scandalizing the profession of Christianity; we see these training up a new generation, that, to increased numbers and augmented wealth and power, will add no correspondent increase of religious knowledge; and we feel that the full extent of the evil has not yet been developed.

Every tie which we have recognized, as binding us to seek the salvation of the heathen in foreign lands, attaches us with yet greater strength and closeness to these our compatriots. Their nearness and the ease of access, the community of language, of institutions, of customs, and of government, afford to us advantages for the dissemination of the Gospel at home, in this territory, such as no other people under Heaven enjoy, and such as perhaps, were never before possessed by the churches of any age or land.

The Baptists, as a denomination, wield, at this moment, an immense amount of influence over this large and most important region. In this field their range of moral power equals, if it does not exceed, that committed to any other of the various divisions of the Christian host. Our churches class among their hearers, at least one sixth of the population of this far spreading territory. Nominally or really, this vast number of immortal spirits is already more or less, under the influence of those who are designated as Baptist preachers. From circumstances, to which it were needless to refer, ministers of our sentiments find less resistance from public opinion, and meet less the collision of inherited prejudices, than other evangelical denominations, who may go thither, publishing the same message of salvation.

That for influence, thus thrown upon us, we are not the less responsible; that we may not venture to cast it from us, or to use it wastefully or carelessly is a truth, no Christian can doubt. While we hail, with true delight, the preaching of the Gospel by all of every name, that '*hold the Head,*' though they '*follow not with us,*' we are yet bound not to bury the talent of influence or of illumination our Lord has entrusted; and while the ignorant are perishing for lack of knowledge, we are not to turn away from their cry, and transfer to others the supply of that destitution which has directed to us its earliest appeal. We hold our place in the family of Christian effort, but by contributing our share to its cares, its toils and its sacrifices. Even the truth of the *Gospel may become tarnished and powerless in our hands, if it*

remain unemployed: for truth itself may be made an idol, if dis- severed from the love of the truth; and that love, which '*the truth as it is in Jesus*' produces, will lead to the energetic and the dili- gent, the conscientious and the persevering dissemination, of that eternal verity which affords at the same time its continual nutri- ment and its mightiest weapon.

In the circumstances, therefore, of our country and of the Chris- tian world, there is an evident call addressing itself to the Baptists of the United States, to arise and build within the walls of their own Jerusalem. Not only are the circumstances of the field before them rich, in opportunities of good, but those of the past year have been full of encouragement to hope. The spirit which has vouch- safed such a measure of success to the mission in Burmah, seems working also its reflex influence upon the domestic charities and zeal of those churches in America, whose labours and prayers have gone forth to the aid of the heathen. In the revivals of reli- gion, wherewith God has favoured our own and other churches of Christ we read another most urgent incitement to larger exertions.

In all that is thus said, of the wide and rich field of missionary labour in the West, it is not intended to palliate or to forget the fact, that in many of the older states there exists in portions of the country a similar destitution, the more hopeless, as it has been more lasting and less involuntary; but which must be alike re- garded and supplied. The only bounds to our efforts in this cause must be the limits of our land and the cessation of its spiritual wants.

The accompanying documents will show, that influenced by the spiritual need, thus extensively prevailing, a large number of brethren from various parts of the Union, formed in the city of New-York, in April last, an American Baptist Home Mission So- ciety. Its constitution and officers, a sketch of its organization and subsequent proceedings, an outline of the plan of its operations, and a view of its prospects of success, will also be found annexed. To these its Executive Committee would refer, while presenting their appeal to the Christians of this country, and more especially to those of their own community. While they would dread and abjure the spirit of sectarianism, which seeks merely to count the number of its proselytes, and is less anxious for the essence than the forms of Christianity, they recognise it as their duty to dis- seminate, with all candour and kindness, their own views of Chris- tian doctrine and practice. In sight of the perishing multitudes around them, they would ask, first the prayers, and then the con- tributions, of those who seek the welfare of Zion. By every prin- ciple of enlightened patriotism and of Christian devotion they would urge upon the attention of their brethren the duties which the movements of providence seem unfolding before our churches.

Yet, while looking to the intended scene of our immediate labours, we would declare that we claim no dominion over the faith of our western brethren, and desire no authority but that of love; no in- fluence, other than that which the partakers of one good hope and the partners in one grand enterprise claim to exercise, one over the other. Infringing not at all on the rights of any of the churches of our communion, and seeking to strengthen their hands in every good work, we ask of them but to aid and allow the

preaching of the great salvation to thousands perishing in their ignorance.

We trust, that the indirect fruits of a zealous pursuit of this great object may prove many and priceless. To bring into the labours of love, which our Foreign Missions present, the prayers, the wealth, the influence and the hearts of our western brethren: to superadd to the ties of a common discipline, the more lasting union of common sentiments and harmonious feeling; to substitute, for an external uniformity of practice in Christian ordinances, the internal "unity of the spirit in the bond of peace," to advance Christian truth and Christian holiness, by seeking the favour of that "God who is not the author of confusion, but of peace in all the churches of the saints;" to inherit the promise, which assures those who "devise liberal things," that "by liberal things they shall stand;" to bring our own beloved country more under the dominion of Him who alone can give wisdom to her counsels, create "upon all her glory a defence," and impart safety and durability to her prosperity, are objects of no mean moment. Let us seek for all these in promoting the objects of the American Baptist Home Mission Society. Let the Christian into whose hands this sheet shall fall, give his aid to this good design, not more by pecuniary contributions, than by the formation of auxiliary societies, the communication of intelligence and the interchange of sentiment; and above all, by the communion of devout and fervent prayer, to the Father of Lights, the Prince of Peace, and the Spirit of Truth, that the light of salvation may, by means of this society, over the whole breadth of our land, "go forth as a lamp that burneth," that the peace of God may unite and bless all our churches and the whole American Israel, and that the Word of Truth may be made each day, more and more, the means of sanctification to all the elect of God.

LIFE DIRECTORS,

Constituted by the payment of One Hundred Dollars and upwards.

Rev. Daniel Sharp, D. D. Boston, Mass. by his Church and Congregation.

Howard Malcom,	do.	do.
James D. Knowles,	do.	do.
William Hague,	do.	do.
Frederick A. Willard, Worcester, Mass.	do.	do.

Nathaniel R. Cobb, Esq. Boston, Mass., by his own subscription.

LIFE MEMBERS,

Constituted by the payment of Thirty Dollars and upwards.

Rev. John Chase, Brookfield, Mass., by his Church and Congregation.

Thomas Barrett, Webster, Mass.	do.	do.
Addison Parker, Southbridge, Mass.	do.	do.

Zenas L. Leonard,	{	Sturbridge, Mass., by their Church and Congregation.
Abiel Fisher,		

Jonathan Going, Worcester, Mass., by his late Church and Congregation.

Otis Converse, Grafton, Mass., by his Church and Congregation.

Joseph T. Binney, West Boylston, Mass.	do.	do.
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John Green, Leicester, Mass.	do.	do.
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John Paine, Ward, Mass.	do.	do.
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John P. Turney, Fairfield, Conn., by Mrs. Lydia Sherwood.

Mr. David R. Griggs, Boston, Mass., by his own subscription.

John B. Jones, Esq.	do	do	do	do.
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THE
FIRST REPORT
OF THE
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF
THE AMERICAN
BAPTIST HOME MISSION SOCIETY,
PRESENTED AT ITS
ANNIVERSARY IN NEW-YORK, MAY 8, 1833,
WITH THE
TREASURER'S REPORT,
AND AN
APPENDIX,
CONTAINING FORMS OF CONSTITUTIONS, &c.

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1833.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

AMERICAN BAPTIST HOME MISSION SOCIETY.

ARTICLE I. This Society shall be called the **AMERICAN BAPTIST HOME MISSION Society**.

ARTICLE II. The great object of the Society shall be to promote the preaching of the gospel in North America.

ARTICLE III. Any person may become a member of this Society by contributing annually to its funds; thirty dollars paid at one time shall constitute a member for life; one hundred dollars paid at one time shall constitute a director for life; and any person on paying a sum which, in addition to any previous contribution, shall amount to one hundred dollars, shall be a director for life; and any Baptist Church, or Association, or State Convention, or Missionary Society that contributes annually to the objects of this Society, shall be entitled to be represented by one or more delegates, in its annual meetings.

ARTICLE IV. The officers of this Society shall be a President, Vice-President, a Treasurer, an Auditor, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, and Fifty Directors, who shall be annually appointed by the Society.

ARTICLE V. The officers and life Directors shall appoint an Executive Committee of thirteen persons, (including the Treasurer, the Corresponding Secretary, and the Recording Secretary,) residing in the city of New-York and its vicinity, five of whom shall be a quorum at any meeting regularly convened. This Committee shall have power to appoint its own meetings, form its own rules of business, and fill any vacancies which may occur during the year, and convene special meetings of the Board and of the Society; shall appoint missionaries, and instruct them as to the field and manner of their labours; shall dispose of the funds for the objects of the Society, (provided that all moneys contributed for any specific purpose shall be faithfully applied only to that particular object,) shall create such agency, or agencies for the appointment of missionaries and for other purposes, as the interests of the Society may require; and shall make an annual report of their proceedings to the Society. All the Officers, Executive Committee, Agents and Missionaries of the Society shall be members of some regular Baptist Church, in general union with the body of that denomination.

ARTICLE VI. The Treasurer shall give bonds to such amount as the Executive Committee shall think proper.

ARTICLE VII. Any Baptist Missionary Society may become auxiliary, by agreeing to pay into the treasury of this Society the whole of its surplus funds, and sending to the Corresponding Secretary a copy of its Constitution and Annual Reports, mentioning the names of its missionaries and the fields of their operations.

ARTICLE VIII. Every Auxiliary Society, which shall agree to pay the whole of its funds to this Society, shall be entitled to a missionary, or missionaries, to labour in such field as it may designate, to an amount at least equal to that of its contributions: provided, such designation be made at the time of payment.

ARTICLE IX. The officers of Auxiliary Societies shall be ex-officio Directors of this Society, and their members shall be members of this Society.

ARTICLE X. The annual meeting of the Society shall be held at such time and place, as the Society shall determine at a previous annual meeting.

ARTICLE XI. No alteration of this Constitution shall be made, without an affirmative vote of two thirds of the members present at an annual meeting; nor, unless the same shall have been proposed at a previous annual meeting, or recommended by the Executive Committee.

MINUTES.

The American Baptist Home Mission Society held its first annual meeting at the Mulberry-street Baptist Meetinghouse, on Wednesday, the 8th of May, 1833, at 4 o'clock, P. M.

A letter was received from the Hon. Heman Lincoln, President, stating that engagements for the Baptist Board of Foreign Missions, at the south, would prevent his presence at the annual meeting of this Society.

Whereupon, Rev. Dr. Kendrick was called to the chair.

Rev. John Peck, of Cazenovia, N. Y. opened the meeting by prayer.

The following persons appeared and presented their credentials as delegates to the Society.

From the N. Y. Bap. Convention.—Rev. Dr. Kendrick, Rev. Elon Galusha, Rev. John Peck, Rev. C. P. Wykoff.

From the Mass. Baptist Convention.—Rev. Thomas Rand.

The following persons were invited to a seat with the Society, being officers of their respective bodies:

From the Connecticut Convention.—Rev. John Cookson, Rev. J. H. Linsley.

From the Vermont Convention.—Rev. Isaac Wescott.

From the Penn. Missionary Society.—Rev. J. H. Kennard.

From N. Jersey Convention.—Rev. G. S. Webb, P. P. Runyon, Esq.

Ministering brethren present were invited to a seat with the Society.

Agreeably to the report of a committee of nomination the following officers were chosen for the year ensuing.

PRESIDENT.

HON. HEMAN LINCOLN, of Massachusetts.

VICE PRESIDENTS.

Gen. Alford Richardson, of Maine.

Philip Brown, Esq. of N. H.

Hon. George N. Briggs, of Mass.

Hon. N. H. Bottom, of Vermont.

Robert Rogers, Esq. of R. I.

Albert Day, Esq. of Conn.

Friend Humphrey, Esq. of New-York.

P. P. Runyon, Esq. of New-Jersey.

Jos. S. Walter, Esq. of Penn.

Thomas Baldwin, Esq. of Delaware.

William Crane, Esq. of Virginia.

Hon. C. Wingate, of Kentucky.

Hon. Francis Dunlavey, of Ohio.

Hon. Jesse L. Holman, of Indiana.

Jos. Wenham, Esq. of Upper Canada.

Henry Hoyle, Esq. of Lower Canada.

J. B. Hallsted, Esq. of New-York.

Dr. B. F. Edwards, of Illinois.

Rev. Jeremiah Vardeman, of Missouri.

L. D. Ring, Esq. of Tenn.

Gen. Edward D. King, of Alabama.

Dr. M. Cunningham, of Arkan. Ter.

Hon. Thomas Stocks, of Georgia.

Hon. Mr. Griffin, of S. C.

Rev. Thomas Hooper, Professor in the University of N. C.

Enoch Reynolds, Esq. of D. C.

Hon. Caleb Eldred, of Michigan Ter.

Wm. Winterton, Esq. of New-York.

Rev. James Lemen, of Illinois.

Cornelius Paulding, Esq. of Louisiana.

Jarvis Ring, Esq. of New-Brunswick.

Rev. Edward Manning, Nova Scotia.

DIRECTORS.

Rev. Jeremiah Chaplin, D. D. President of Waterville College, Maine.	Rev. John Booth, of Michigan.
Ira Person, of N. H.	John Stanford, D. D. of New-York.
Baron Stow, of Mass.	J. S. Bacon, Professor in Hamilton Lit. and Theological Institution.
Hadley Procter, of Vermont.	George Benedict, of New-York.
Francis Wayland, jr. D. D. President of Brown University, R. I.	C. G. Carpenter, do.
Elisha Cushman, of Conn.	A. Perkins, do.
N. Kendrick, D. D. N. Y. Principal of Lit. and Theo. Inst. at Hamilton.	C. C. P. Crosby, do.
Daniel Dodge, of New-Jersey.	E. Tucker, do.
W. T. Brantley, D. D. of Penn.	S. S. Mallary, of Con.
J. P. Peckworth, of Delaware,	J. C. Welsh, of Rhode Island.
Daniel Davis, of Maryland.	Lucius Bolles, D. D. of Mass.
John Kerr, of Virginia.	Leland Howard, of Vermont.
S. M. Noel, D. D. of Kentucky.	John L. Dagg, of Pennsylvania.
George C. Sedgwick, of Ohio.	J. H. Kennard, do.
Rice McCoy, of Indiana.	O. C. Comstock, of New-York.
Hubbell Loomis, of Illinois.	Elon Galusha, do.
Thomas P. Green, of Missouri.	John Peck, do.
Garner M'Connico, of Tennessee.	Obadiah B. Brown, of D. C.
Dr. Collins, of Mississippi.	Andrew Broadbuss, of Virginia.
Alva Woods, D. D. President of the University of Alabama.	Irah Chase, of Mass., Professor in Theol. Inst. at Newton, Mass.
Jesse Mercer, of Georgia.	Greenleaf S. Webb of N. Jersey,
Basil Manly, of South Carolina.	Win. B. Johnson, of S. Carolina.
Thomas Meredith, of N. Carolina.	Augustus Beach, of Mass.
Stephen Chapin, D. D. President of Columbian Col. Dist. of Columbia.	John M. Peck, of Illinois.
	Samuel W. Lynd, of Ohio.
	G. W. Eaton, Prof. of Georgetown College, Kentucky.
WILLIAM COLGATE, Esq. of New-York, Treasurer.	
GARRET N. BLEECKER, Esq. of New-York, Auditor.	
Rev. JONATHAN GOING, of New-York, Corresponding Secretary.	
Rev. C. C. P. CROSBY, of New-York, Recording Secretary.	

The committee of nomination were empowered to fill up any vacancies in the list of officers.

The Society instructed their Executive Committee to procure, if possible, an act of incorporation for the Society.

Resolved, That the next annual meeting be held in the Mulberry-street Baptist meetinghouse, in New-York city, on the Wednesday preceding the second Thursday in May, 1834, at 4 P. M.

Adjourned to meet again at half past seven in the evening.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Bennett of New-York.

At a meeting of the Officers and Life Directors, held at the close of the Society's meeting for business, the following brethren were appointed the

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Rev. Archibald Maclay,	Mr. Ephraim Corning,
Spencer H. Cone,	Nathan Caswell,
Charles G. Sommers,	William Winterton,
Duncan Dunbar,	Timothy R. Green, Esq.
W. R. Williams,	Mr. George W. Houghton.
Rev. Jonathan Going, Cor. Sec. of the Society,	} Ex Officio.
William Colgate, Esq. Treasurer.	
Rev. C. C. P. Crosby, Recording Secretary.	

Note.—The nominating committee have inserted the names of several directors instead of those presented to the society from the consideration that they were already life directors.

PUBLIC ANNIVERSARY.

The Society met on Wednesday evening pursuant to adjournment, for the purpose of hearing the Reports of the Treasurer, and of the Executive Committee.

P. P. Runyon, Esq. one of the Vice Presidents, in the chair.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Simpson, of England.

William Colgate, Esq. Treasurer of the Society, presented his account, audited by G. N. Bleecker, Esq. by which it appeared that the sum of \$6,586 73 had been received, and \$3,667 76 paid out. The whole balance however is considered due to missionaries already appointed.

The acceptance of this report was moved by Rev. B. H. Farnsworth of N. H. seconded by Rev. D. Dunbar of this city.

The annual Report of the Executive Committee was read by the Corresponding Secretary, Rev. Dr. Going.

On motion of Rev. James E. Welch of Kentucky, seconded by Rev. Joshua Bradley, of Ohio,

Resolved, That this Report be accepted and printed.

Rev. John Peck of N. Y. offered the following *Resolution*, seconded by Rev. J. H. Linsley, Conn.—That the success which has attended the incipient operations of this Society impose an obligation of gratitude to God, and in reliance on his future blessing warrants the confident expectation of its extensive usefulness.

Rev. Dr. Wayland, President of Brown University, offered the following *Resolution*, seconded by T. R. Green, Esq. of this city—That the intimate relations existing between the Home Missionary enterprise and other objects of Christian benevolence, and the influence it exerts upon them all, render its success essential to their permanent prosperity, and recommend it to general and efficient support.

Rev. Mr. Kennard of Philadelphia moved the following *Resolution*, seconded by Rev. Mr. Webb of New-Jersey—That in view of the number and ability of the American Baptists and their consequent obligations to bear their proportion in the benevolent work of supplying the wide moral destitution existing in the country, they ought liberally and vigorously to promote Home Missions.

Rev. E. Galusha of Utica, offered the following *Resolution*, seconded by Rev. P. Church of R. I.—That the fact that nearly one half of our churches are without Pastors, and destitute of weekly religious instruction, evinces that the successful operation of the Society involves the vital interests of the denomination, and should secure its general co-operation.

Rev. S. H. Cone, offered the following *Resolution*, seconded by Rev. J. S. Bacon—That the favourable influence of Home Mission operations on the prosperity of the country presents a strong claim to our support as citizens.

Rev. Messrs. Welch, Peck, Wayland, Green, Kennard, and Galusha sustained their resolutions with animated and impressive remarks.

A contribution was taken up on the occasion amounting to \$37 44.

REPORT

OF THE

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE AMERICAN BAPTIST HOME MISSION SOCIETY.

IN entering on an enterprise so important as Home Missions in this country, the Executive Committee felt it their duty to survey the field to be cultivated, the instruments for doing the work, and the pecuniary means necessary for its accomplishment. They have occupied a high moral eminence, from which they have descried the land in its length and breadth. Here and there, they have seen a bright verdant spot,—a well-watered, fertile vale, or fruitful hill; but oftener a field, at first but partially cleared of its timber, and imperfectly cultivated afterward, and, of course, but moderately productive;—and too frequently overrun with briers and thorns: while turning the eye westward, there was visible in the distance, a dense, and almost boundless forest, broken occasionally by a few recent settlements.

This survey has disclosed a wide and fearful moral destitution, which calls loudly on all sections of the christian community to immediately and liberally aid in efforts for its supply. To furnish a population of 13,000,000 with religious instruction, there are only about 11,000 ministers of all denominations. Our population is, also, augmenting in an unprecedented degree by natural increase, and by emigration from the Eastern States, and especially from Europe, so that 1000 souls are daily added; while the character of the larger part of such addition is such as to increase the ratio of destitution faster than that of population. But a large deduction from this number of ministers must be made for those who are heretical, or incompetent, or chiefly engaged in secular business. These amount in the aggregate to several thousands. These facts evince an alarming want of christian instruction; and though the Committee do not believe that the United States are more destitute than any other christian country, as has been sometimes alleged, they do apprehend danger to the free institutions of the country, in consequence of the deficiency of moral and religious instruction, while they lament that so many of God's people are destitute of the bread of life, and that multitudes of others do not enjoy the preaching of the gospel, which God has made ordinarily necessary to their salvation.

The eyes of the Committee in this survey, however, have been principally turned to the moral condition of the Baptist denomination. In the whole history of its rise and progress, the finger of God is distinctly traced, and in its present state, there is much to excite lively gratitude to him. Our principles respecting the special ordinances of the gospel have caused us to verify the remarkable prophecy: Lo, the people shall dwell alone, and shall not be reckoned among the nations. Many of the causes which have secured the prosperity of other communions have been wanting, and peculiar obstacles have been thrown

in its way. Under these circumstances, it is wonderful that it has continued in existence, and its remarkable increase is no small presumptive argument in favour of its peculiar sentiments. No people are more happily agreed in respect to their distinguishing principles: that credible christians only should be admitted to the special ordinances of the gospel, that christian baptism is immersion only, and that such baptism is pre-requisite to communion at the Lord's table. On a careful inspection, there will, however, be found many things to lament in the condition of American Baptists. Among these, and the cause of most other evils, is a lamentable want of the preaching of the gospel and of pastoral labour, arising, in a great measure, from a mistake in relation to the qualification of ministers, a deficiency in their support, and a misapprehension of the sacred nature of the pastoral office, and the importance of its responsible duties. This fact receives confirmation from the following statements, which are principally drawn from the U. S. Baptist Register, recently published by Ira M. Allen, agent of the Baptist General Tract Society, a work of much labour, and which, from its large amount of information, and general correctness, has laid the public under great obligation to its author.

The following table exhibits a condensed view of the denomination in the United States and the British Provinces, according to the latest and most accurate accounts.

States & Territories.	Asso	Chur ch	Vac.Ch.	Minis.	Licen.	Bapt'd	Com.
Maine,	9	222	117	145	23	1,202	15,000
New Hampshire,	6	90	26	64	14	596	6,505
Vermont,	7	125	53	78	9	1,631	10,595
Massachusetts,	10	189	50	160	60	2,902	20,200
Rhode Island,	1	20	5	17	3	249	3,271
Connecticut,	5	92	21	77	20	967	10,039
New York,	32	605	175	448	97	7,920	60,006
New Jersey,	2	61	17	53	7	560	3,981
Pennsylvania,	13	157	64	95	26	1,747	11,103
Delaware,	1	9	3	3	2	13	420
Maryland,	2	34	7	21	2	66	1,341
District of Columbia,		5	1	4		11	533
Virginia,	22	435	146	225	36	7,598	54,902
North Carolina,	19	332	177	165	46	932	18,918
South Carolina,	10	273	118	155	43	7,206	28,496
Georgia,	18	509	278	206	49	2,319	38,382
Alabama,	13	250	149	109	36	1,445	11,445
Mississippi,	3	84	31	34	5	278	3,199
Louisiana,	1	16	4	12	1	77	723
Tennessee,	20	413	178	219	24	805	20,472
Missouri,	13	146	60	86	7	288	4,972
Kentucky,	34	484	229	236	22	831	34,124
Illinois,	16	161	50	107	16	197	4,622
Indiana,	21	299	140	152	49	421	11,334
Ohio,	21	280	115	142	24	826	10,493
Arkansas Territory,	2	17	7				181
Michigan Territory,	1	17	5	11	2	103	667
Upper Canada,	4	37	5	32	16	214	1,976
Nova Scotia,	1	44	3	31	7	353	3,633
New Brunswick,	1	31	12	8	2		1,557
Jamaica,	1	24		14			10,838
Seventh-day Baptists,	1	32		32	9	643	4,258
Six-Principle Baptists,	1	23	11	12		119	2,137
Totals.	311	5,513	2,457	3,153	657	42,517	409,658

Without intending any invidious comparisons, but simply desirous of presenting important facts respecting the actual condition of the denomination, the Committee offer some more particular views. In the United States and territories, are 5,322 churches, and 3,024 ministers, so that the number of ministers is 2,298 less than of the churches, or about as 3 to 5. Next consider the different sections of the country. In New England and New York are 1,343 churches, and 989 ministers, being 354 less, or as 5 to 7; in the middle states, except New York, are 266 churches and 176 ministers, being 90 less, or as 4 to 6; in the southern states are 1,899 churches, and 906 ministers, making 993 less, or as 9 to 19; and in the western states are 1,817 churches, and 953 ministers, being 864 less, or about as 9 to 18. Again, the number of churches reported to be vacant in the country, is 2,426, or a little less than two-fifths of the whole; while in New England and New York there are 447 vacant, or four-thirteenths; in the middle states 92, or about one-third; in the southern states 903, or about nine-nineteenths; and in the western states 784, or nine-eighteenths. But it should be remembered, that in the north and east, the churches reported as supplied, are understood to enjoy weekly preaching and pastoral labour; whereas in the south, and particularly in the west, the churches are considered as supplied if they are attended by a minister one Sabbath in a month. It is presumed, that in the southern and western states, the churches, except those in cities, and a few others, have preaching but once a month; so that the real difference in the destitution of the churches in different sections of the country, is much greater than these statements show. Take now the natural division of the country made by the Alleghanies. The churches in the eastern division are 3,322, in which are 2,024 ministers, or 2 ministers to 3 churches; while in the western division, the churches, taken in round numbers, are 2000, and the ministers 1000, or 1 minister to 2 churches. Here the destitution in the western section is seventeen per cent. greater than in the eastern section, so far as numbers are concerned. But it should be farther considered, that in the north and east, the ministers are generally supported by the churches, and give their time to their official work, while in the south, to a considerable extent, and in the west, generally, the ministers support themselves by some secular business. The real difference in the amount, efficiency, and usefulness of ministerial labour in these different parts of the country, is, of consequence, still greater than the figures indicate. Making weekly preaching to the same people, and constant pastoral labour, the standard of supply, the difference may be very nearly, that the churches in New England and New York are supplied six-eighths of the time; in the middle states, except New York, three-eighths; in the southern states, two-eighths; and in the western states one-eighth. If this last item seem incredible, the Committee allege in its support the statement of Rev. John M. Peck, of Illinois, who was raised in the east, and has resided fifteen years in the west, and who appears to have availed himself of the best means of ascertaining the moral condition of the country, that all the ministerial labour performed in the Baptist churches in the Valley of the Mississippi, is probably not more than equivalent to that of 200 pastors in the eastern states. And further, in order to perceive why the destitution in different sections of the country, is so much greater than the difference in the number of mi-

nisters, it should be considered, that many ministers in the south and west do not have charge of any church, nor preach constantly, and some of them only very infrequently; that the churches are so accustomed to have preaching only once a month, and then often but one service in the day, that they, in many cases, scarcely feel it desirable to have more frequent preaching; and that it, of course, very often happens, though the number of ministers is lamentably too small, that while one minister preaches, he has a number of ministers among his hearers, and at the same time, several churches in the vicinity are unsupplied. This is an unfortunate arrangement, as it serves to increase the destitution beyond the necessity arising from the fewness of ministers. While our brethren are to be commended for "coveting earnestly the best gifts," it would, perhaps, be "a more excellent way" to receive all whom the Lord sends, and employ them in some part of the vineyard. These remarks go to show that there is a wide moral destitution in the whole country, and that this destitution increases as we go south, and especially west.

A benevolent mind naturally inquires, what means exist for supplying this destitution? More than 30 years ago, the Baptist Missionary Society of Massachusetts and the Baptist Missionary Society of New York, were formed for the purpose of supplying the destitute around them, and especially on the frontiers, and then newly settled parts of the country. For those times, and in view of the scantiness of their resources, these societies were efficient, and extensively useful. Very many of the most prosperous of our churches were planted, and others strengthened, by the labours of their Missionaries. In a few other states, similar societies have existed for a shorter period of time. Within the last twelve years, there have been organized in most of the states, Missionary Conventions, or Societies, whose prominent object is the supply of the destitute within their own limits, though several of them devote a part of their efforts to other objects, as Foreign Missions, and the education of young ministers. Most of these conventions, however, are of recent origin, and feeble in resources and efforts, while a few of them are more efficient.

It is a subject of regret that the annual Reports of these Conventions do not contain, in every instance, (as a few of them do,) statistical Tables, showing the number of churches and ministers in the state, and also exhibiting a more definite account of the names of their Missionaries, the fields of their labour, the amount of services performed, and of money expended in its support. In cases where grants are made directly to churches, and often on condition that they sustain preaching through the year, or other specified period, the labour thus performed is properly missionary service, and should be so reckoned and reported. Reports constructed on these principles would contain valuable information, at the same time that they would promote uniformity in our missionary operations. From the Reports which have reached the Committee, and from other sources within their power, they could not, as was their wish, and in regard to such as are auxiliary, their intention, collect a correct account of the number of Domestic Missionaries employed, and the amount of labour performed in the denomination. The most they could do, in many cases, was to give probable conjecture instead of documentary facts. It is probable that the local institutions have sustained, during the past

year, nearly 150 years' preaching, performed by their missionaries, and pastors aided by them.

The Maine Bap. Convention was formed in 1823, and employed during the last year 11 Missionaries for different periods. It raises something like \$1,000 annually. It suffers for want of an efficient agent to promote the general interests of the churches, and increase its funds.

The New Hampshire Convention, formed in 1824, has done something for the churches, and the recent appointment of a permanent agent, whose heart is much in his work, promises greater efficiency in its operations. That of Vermont organized also in 1824, has been quite efficient, having raised the last year \$2,714, 80; afforded assistance to five churches, and sustained four Missionaries, besides liberal aid to Foreign Missions. This body also has lately secured the undivided services of a well qualified and active agent, and may safely be reckoned on as a powerful coadjutor in the cause. The Massachusetts Convention was originated in 1823, and is one of the most efficient in the denomination. It has aided in the support of at least 30 years' preaching during the last year, principally by grants made to feeble churches. Many churches, which were small and depressed, have been revived and strengthened, and some of them have already become benefactors of others, while several new ones have been planted and are prosperous. This Convention has made the happiest experiment of an able and faithful agency. The Rhode Island Convention, formed in 1824, with an annual income of \$1000, has sustained probably about four years' preaching during the last year, a part of which was gratuitous. The prospects of the cause within its limits are encouraging. The Connecticut Convention, formed in 1824, like those of Vermont and New Hampshire, patronises Foreign Missions and ministerial education, while in some years it has done much for the feeble churches. It sustained seven years' preaching during the last year. This body greatly needs and is desirous of obtaining the services of a suitable agent. The most powerful of our local societies is the Baptist Convention of N. York, formed in 1820. Besides doing much to sustain the Indian Mission at Tonawanda, and much to support missionaries in western Pennsylvania, Ohio, Michigan Territory, and Upper Canada, it has accomplished a good and great work among the feeble churches, and the destitute within the limits of the state. During the last year, it has probably sustained more than 30 years' preaching by its missionaries and ministers aided by its funds. Its receipts were more than \$6,000. The New Jersey Convention was formed in 1830. It received the last year \$1,143, 74, and sustained six missionaries. It is animated by a good spirit, and its prospects are encouraging. The Baptist Missionary Society of Pennsylvania was formed in 1826, has an annual income of about \$2,000, and employs on an average ten missionaries. Still, the calls on it for missionary labour greatly exceed its means. The General Association of Virginia was formed in 1822. It employed 20 missionaries, for a longer or shorter period, during the last year, principally in lower Virginia. In 1830 the North Carolina Baptist Benevolent Society was transformed into the North Carolina Baptist Convention. It seeks to promote missions in the state, and among the heathen, and the education of approved young men for the ministry. It has done much to improve the condition of the churches; and like those of Pennsylvania and Virginia, its usefulness has been greatly increased by the successful labours of a very competent agent.

The South Carolina Convention has existed several years, is a very efficient body, sustaining something like six or eight missionaries, besides making very liberal efforts for the support of the Furman Academy. Particulars cannot be given for want of minutes.

The Georgia Convention was formed in 1820. Its annual amount of funds is about \$3,000. Besides a liberal appropriation to foreign missions, it does much to support missionaries within the state, and is prosperously engaged in establishing, on a respectable foundation, a Classical and Theological School, with which manual labour is connected, which has already commenced operations. **The Alabama Convention** was formed in 1822. Its design is to promote Foreign and Domestic Missions, and the education of indigent ministers of the gospel, who desire it. Its present attention is directed chiefly to the establishment of an institution at Greensborough. **The Mississippi Baptist Evangelical Society** is of recent origin, and essentially a missionary body. It has yet accomplished but little, though there is opened before it a great door, and if suitable men would enter it, an effectual one for usefulness. **The Louisiana Convention** is inoperative, but the **Domestic Missionary Society of Louisiana**, was formed during the last year. Its incipient measures augur well. The Committee regret that they have hitherto been unable to procure the services of suitable men disposed to enter that field. **The Kentucky Baptist Convention** was formed in 1832, and has commenced operations on a scale, and with a spirit, which promise noble achievements. It has several missionaries in the field whose labours have already been successful. The numbers and the wealth of the Baptists in Kentucky, as well as in the southern, and some other western, states, enable them to do much in regions presenting a wide and promising field for usefulness, and in which help is greatly needed.

The Ohio Convention grew out of the Cincinnati Baptist Missionary Society, formed in 1824. The convention was organized in 1826. Its object is to sustain an operative system of measures in relation to missionary exertions throughout the state. Much good has been effected by its missionaries. Its receipts for the last year were \$614 35. **The Michigan Domestic Missionary Society** was organized in 1832, and though a small body, it evinces a spirit of enterprise, and seems destined to be highly useful in supplying the feeble churches, and diffusing the gospel among the sparse but rapidly increasing population of a territory soon to be admitted into the sisterhood of states. Measures are in train in Illinois which are expected to result in a missionary convention. A Committee of Correspondence has been charged with digesting and executing a plan for sustaining a system of circuit preaching. Similar efforts are making in Indiana, which have probably by this time resulted in a Domestic Missionary Society.

Of these local institutions, the Baptist Missionary society of New York has become merged in the American Baptist Home Mission Society;—while that of Massachusetts, the Conventions of New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut, New-York, Kentucky, with the societies of Louisiana, Illinois, Michigan, and the Youth's Missionary Society of the city of New York, have become auxiliary to it, and many of the others have expressed the most friendly feelings towards it, and will in all probability, eventually co-operate with it. This is a circumstance peculiarly encouraging to the Committee, and must be gratifying to the Society and its friends. It may be hoped that the Society will become a rallying point, in which the body of the

denomination may meet in fraternal affection, and united efforts for its prosperity. For while the Committee would oppose a consolidation of the churches, which might trench on their independence, they anxiously desire more concentration of effort among those who hold one Lord, one faith, and one baptism.

In this survey, the view has been confined to the states and organized territories of the American union. While there is yet much land to be possessed in the older states, the wide west presents immense tracts of wholly unoccupied ground, where the gospel of reconciliation is greatly needed and desired. The Committee cannot forget, however, that the field of their operation is North America. The British Provinces on our northern border demand attention. Throughout their extensive territories, there is a great want of an evangelical ministry. Florida, too, on the south is rapidly settling, and very destitute of the preached gospel; and if there be no islands of the sea fairly included within our limits, which demand our sympathy—our Western prospect includes a region large enough for a kingdom, almost wholly missionary ground. “The star of empire westward bends its way,” and our enterprising population will soon reach the Rocky Mountains,—will cross them, and found a prosperous colony in the valley of the Oregon. Texas already sends her petition for missionary aid, and soon the whole of Mexico may be open to the exertions of Christian enterprise. Thus it is seen that the field is wide which the society is called to cultivate.

This survey has disclosed competent and sufficiently numerous instruments for the moral reform of the land. At the time of the organization of the society, a seemingly rational fear existed in the minds of its best friends, that a sufficient number of suitable men could not be found for missionaries. That fear may be safely dismissed: at least, for years to come. There are men enough, who, for the love they bear to the destitute, are ready to make the sacrifices, and submit to the privations, and endure the fatigues which must be met by missionaries in a new country. Some who have grown gray in bearing the burden and heat of the day in self-denying labours on the frontiers of the country, now that the frontiers have receded, are ready to gather up their remaining energies, and plunge again into the wilderness; as the surviving veterans of our glorious revolution, when the liberties of the country were threatened, buckled on their disused armour, and were ready again to jeopard their lives on the high places of the field. Many, who are in their full strength, and in eligible situations, earnestly inquire of the Committee, whether they can probably be more useful in the Valley than in the places they now occupy, and propose, on that condition, to engage in western missions. An encouraging proportion of the young men who are now in our theological institutions, propose, as their terms of study expire, to open their testimony in the west, where many of that description are imperiously needed to occupy rising towns and villages. But the Committee have never relied exclusively, nor chiefly, on the north and east for missionaries. They believed from the first, that there were many on the ground, who, if aided and encouraged, would be highly useful in the work, and information has shown that the number of such is larger than they had supposed. These men resemble in principles, piety, and qualifications, the founders and fathers of the churches of the denomination in other sections of the country. Such men will be, in several respects, more useful

than strangers ; they know the people, are acquainted with their wants, their habits, and their prejudices, and can readily accommodate themselves to these ;—they are also known to the public, and confidence is reposed in them. Of these, hundreds will be found disposed to engage in the work of fully preaching the gospel to those who are around them, as soon as the funds of the society will enable the Committee to loose them from the embarrassment of their secular occupations for the support of their families. It is a fact of which the society ought to be apprised, that the Committee have felt compelled already to defer the appointment of several missionaries, only for fear of overcharging the treasury, while, at the same time, the most inviting fields were open for their occupancy. So it is seen, that while the providence of God asks, “whom shall we send, and who will go for us?” there is no occasion to fear but that a sufficient number of competent ministers will be ready to answer, “here are we, send us.”

This survey has further disclosed ample funds for accomplishing the proportion of the great work of supplying the moral destitution of the country, which belongs to the denomination. The Committee apprehend that Baptists have criminally excused their limited contributions to objects of benevolence on the ground of poverty. It may be true that they are less wealthy than some other denominations, and that they have fewer rich men among them. But rich men are apt to love the world and to be covetous ; and the instances in which they contribute their money in bearing the burdens of the church, in proportion to their ability, are very rare. The labour of the community is chiefly performed by the comparatively poor ; and the sacrifices of the church, including alike pecuniary contributions and personal services, are principally borne by those in moderate circumstances. Among us there is money enough, as well as men enough, to sustain the cause of Christian benevolence. The saving made by the abandonment of some one expensive vice, would be sufficient for the purpose. Retrenchment in expenses of any one but of several articles of luxury used by most Christians, would furnish ample means. A little additional industry, and still less additional frugality, would produce the requisite means. And these efforts would improve the christian character by imposing a salutary check on the covetousness which is natural to man, and which is too often admitted into the church, and cherished by its members. Home missions may be sustained without diminishing the revenues of other kindred objects. Appropriations to these ought, indeed to be increased, and they might be greatly increased, without abridging the real comfort of a single individual, without lessening the property, even, of any one. It is the deliberate judgment of the Committee, that while Bible Societies, Sunday Schools, Tract Societies, the cause of Seamen, &c. &c. should be more liberally patronized ; there ought to be raised annually, by the denomination, one hundred thousand dollars each, for Home Missions, Ministerial Education, and Foreign Missions. Three hundred thousand dollars ! the sum sounds large. But it should be remembered that this sum ought to be shared by more than 300,000 persons, who profess to have “first given themselves unto the Lord, and then to the church by the will of God ;” to believe that they have been bought with no less price than the blood of Christ ; that they are not their own, but are bound to “glorify God with their bodies and spirits, which are his ;” who, by their profession, are pledged to imitate the example of “him who, though he was rich,

for their sakes became poor, that they, through his poverty, might be rich," and whom gratitude, as well as duty, requires them to "honour with their substance, and with the first fruits of all their increase." And, to say nothing of a large additional number, who would cheerfully co-operate with them, what is this sum among so many? It is readily admitted, however, that all the denomination will not unite in this labour of love, but it is at the same time denied that the efforts of all, however reasonable and desirable, are indispensable. Suppose, then, the limits to be materially circumscribed; instead of the United States, let them include only New England and New York. Here are about 130,000 members of Baptist churches. After deducting something for those who are really unable to contribute, and something for those who, from misapprehension of their duty, decline contributing, and perhaps something more for those who have no part or lot in Christian feeling and the triumphs of Zion, though they profess to have believed, and have been baptized, but supplying the places of these last by those from the congregation who, though they profess less faith, show more works; there will be at least 100,000, whose love to men and to God, will prompt them severally to contribute one dollar to each of these objects. While the Committee are fully aware that before this will be done, there must be a more correct knowledge of facts placed before the community, the claims of benevolence be more fully recognized, and a more liberal spirit awakened; still, fully convinced that the amount above-mentioned, ought annually to be raised, and that what ought to be done, can be done; they look forward with delightful confidence, to the time when such sum shall annually flow into the Treasury of the Lord; and they call on the Society to sustain them in measures which may, by the blessing of God, result in so noble an attainment.

As an illustration of the fact that there are ample funds in the hands of our friends, and also of the reason there is to believe, that when needed, and suitable efforts are made to obtain them, they will be furnished, the Committee gratefully state, that as far as the nature and objects of the Society have been distinctly presented to the churches, they have been uniformly met with kindness and pecuniary liberality. Twenty-three churches have constituted their pastors directors for life, and thirty-eight other ministers have been in like manner made members for life; while one individual has made himself a director for life, and one minister a member for life; and eleven laymen have contributed sufficient sums to constitute themselves life members. At the same time, one man has engaged to support one missionary in the valley, at an expense of \$300 a year; and several churches have pledged themselves to sustain each its missionary under the direction of the Society. Let this spirit animate the thousands in our Zion, and these examples be generally imitated, and the treasury will be replenished, and Home Mission operations amply sustained.

From this survey, all the judicious friends of our Zion, while they see gratifying proof of an improving condition in the denomination, will perceive the necessity which existed for the formation of the American Baptist Home Mission Society. For while much must be done by the local societies, it will be unfortunately found, on examination, that where the most missionary labour is needed, the inhabitants are least able to sustain it. Hence the need of a general and efficient institution, which, while it exerts an invigorating influence on the action of the local societies, and supplies their lack of resources,

exercise a kind of general supervision, and as a corps de reserve, be ready to act, from time to time, at the points most imperiously demanding aid. These who instituted the necessary inquiries into the state of the denomination, before, and all its enlightened friends, since, have asked, why it was not sooner formed? The answer is, that the real state of the case was not generally known. The Committee, indeed, have the painful conviction, that only a small part of our people yet fully understand and duly consider it, and sufficiently feel and act in view of it. And this conviction has been deepened at every succeeding meeting, as their own perception of the facts became more and more distinct, from their extensive correspondence with intelligent friends in different sections of the country; from the numerous and most affecting appeals made from almost every quarter for help; and from the touching letters of their missionaries already in the field.

It is the part of true wisdom to take things as they are, and make them as much better as we can; and it is worse than useless to indulge in vain regrets over events that are past. Still, the Committee find it impossible not most seriously to lament, that the plan for supplying the western country, projected by Mr. Peck, in 1826, had not been then adopted and vigorously executed. It was, indeed, approved by Baptists, but it was carried into successful operation by another communion, whose Home Mission Society now sustains more than 600 missions. The mention of these facts is here made, not from the slightest degree of envy at the success of others; rather, we feel it our duty and our pleasure to avow our approbation of their zeal, and and our rejoicing at their success, and to propose their example for our imitation; but to confess the sinful neglect of our people, and to urge on them the importance of redeeming the time by greater effort, and more liberal contribution.

While the Committee disclaim all sectarian feeling, they avow the conviction, that it is the duty of the denomination to endeavour to sustain and to propagate those views of doctrinal truth, and of the order of the house of God, which they most conscientiously believe to be taught in the Holy Scriptures. It should be distinctly kept in view, that the reputation, the prosperity, and the desirable increase of the denomination, require its most vigorous efforts through the medium of Society. But other and higher motives should influence us:—the supply of our destitute fellow-members with spiritual food, when in our father's house there is bread enough and to spare; the contribution of our share in the moral renovation of our common country; and above all, the resolution to perform our duty, and to manifest our gratitude to that Saviour who died for us on earth, and is preparing mansions for us in heaven.

When the Committee were first organized, it was a serious question, whether any missionaries should be appointed during the year, as they were alike destitute of men and money. It was known, however, that help was needed, and it soon became obvious that men were ready to enter on the work; and the Committee felt compelled to send the reapers into the harvest field, and to trust to God, and their christian brethren, for the means of rewarding their labour.

During the year 89 appointments have been made in 19 states, territories and provinces, including 2 collecting agents, and 7 missionary agents, and 5 grants to churches. Of these, including an agent, 7 were in New York, 2 in New Jersey, 1 in Pennsylvania, 1 in Vir-

ginia, 3 in Mississippi, 1 in Louisiana, 1 in Arkansas Territory, 9 in Missouri, 1 in Tennessee, 22 in Kentucky, 9 in Illinois, 7 in Indiana, 14 in Ohio, 3 in Michigan territory, and one in Lower Canada, and an agent in New England. Grants to churches were in Kentucky, Ohio, North Carolina, and Maine.

Some of those appointed have declined, and others who proposed to accept have not yet been able, from various causes, to commence their labour. Some of them have reconnoitred considerably extensive regions, and have recently determined on their locations. Many of them were appointed near the close of the year, and have little more than entered the field of their labour. From others, who have been longer in the work, full returns have not been received. The labours of most of them are rather those of the sower than of the reaper, and we must wait for the early and the latter rain, before we witness the joys of harvest. Still we have not been left without tokens of the divine approbation of our measures, in such degrees of success, as give pleasing promise of future prosperity. Several churches have been gathered, and many feeble ones have been strengthened and encouraged; a goodly number of sinners have been hopefully converted, and some hundreds baptized; while thousands of God's people, who were famishing, have been fed with the bread of life, and multitudes have heard the gospel of salvation, who were otherwise destitute of it. The letters of the missionaries evince the extent of the moral destitution existing, the obstacles and opposition, which they have to meet in some places, and the gratitude and kindness with which they are welcomed in others, with their disappointments and successes.

The following table exhibits the names of missionaries, their fields of labour, the date of their appointment, with the length of time for which they were appointed, and the amount of labour already performed.

Missionaries and Ministers.	Mission Districts and Churches.	Date of Appt.	Length of Appointment.	Labour Performed.
1. Rev. Thomas W. Merrill,	Prairie Ronde, M. T.	May 11, 1832.	3	3
2. Rev. Mason Ball,*	Ohio,	"	12	
3. Rev. Ephraim F. Goodrich,	Western Pennsylvania,	"	4	4
4. Rev. Linus J. Reynolds,*	Washington Co. Ind.	21	12	
5. Rev. Archibald C. Sangster,	Orange Co. N. Y.	"	6	6
6. Rev. John Maginnis,*	Granville, Licking Co. Ohio.	"	12	
7. Rev. Rolin H. Neale,*	Missouri,	"	12	
8. Rev. Archar B. Smith,	St. Louis, Mo.	"	12	6
9. Rev. Henry Carr,	Ashtabula, Ohio,	"	12	6
10. Rev. Pharellus Church,*	"	"	4	
11. Rev. S. R. Clark,2	Cleveland, Ohio,	23	12	6
12. Rev. Gardner Bartlett,	Winchester, Illinois,	July 4	12	10
13. Rev. Jacob Knapp,	Watertown, Jefferson Co. N. Y.	"	12	6
14. Rev. William Kenner,	Morgan Co. Illinois,	Aug. 21	12	8
15. Rev. William H. Hadley,*	"	"	12	
16. Rev. Spencer Clack,	Palmyra, Marion Co. Mo.	"	12	6
17. Rev. Caleb Greene,	Nelson, Portage Co. Ohio,	22	12	7
18. Rev. Hiram Gear,	Licking Co. Ohio,	"	12	6
19. Rev. William Rees,	Delphi, Carroll Co. Ind.	"	12	8
20. Rev. John Stephens,	Oneida Co. N. Y.	"	12	12
21. Rev. Josiah Denham,	New Richmond, Clermont Co. Ohio,	Sept. 4	12	7
22. Rev. Thomas Stokes,	Cairo, Greene Co. N. Y.	"	12	7
23. Rev. John Dowling,	Dutchess Co. N. Y.	"		1
24. Rev. George Waller,†	Agent in Kentucky,	21	12	6
25. Rev. Ryland T. Dillard,†	Kentucky,	"	14	
26. Rev. Robert Kirtley,	Kentucky,	"	14	
27. Rev. Walter Warder,	Kentucky,	"	14	
28. Rev. William Warder,	Kentucky,	"	14	
29. Rev. John S. Higgins,	Kentucky,	"	14	
30. Rev. George Blackburn,	Kentucky,	"	14	

Missionaries and Ministers.	Mission Districts and Churches.	Date of Appt.	Length of Appointment.	Labour Performed.
31. Rev. James D. Black,	Kentucky,	Sept. 21	12	
32. Rev. John A. M'Guire,	Kentucky,	"	12	
33. Rev. James B. Smith,	Kentucky,	"	12	
34. Rev. William Spencer,	Morgan Co. Illinois,	Oct. 5	12	6
35. Rev. John Logan,	Military Tract, Illinois,	"	12	6
36. Rev. William Sedwick,	Muskingum Co. Ohio,	"	12	6
37. Rev. Jacob Sloper,	Perth Amboy, N. J.	"	12	12
38. Rev. Henry Tonkin,	Hackensack, N. J.	19	12	9
39. Rev. Stephen Goodman,	Salina, Washtinau Co. M. T.	25	12	6
40. Rev. S. H. Benedict,	Oakland Co. M. T.	Nov. 8	12	5
41. Rev. Ezra Fisher,	Indianapolis, Ind.	"	12	4
42. Rev. Silas M. Noel,	Agent in Kentucky,	"	12	
43. Rev. Ezra Going,	Agent in New England,	"	12	4
44. Rev. Jacob Rower,	Morgan Co. Illinois,	19	12	6
45. Rev. Elijah Dodson,	Greene Co. Illinois,	"	12	6
46. Rev. John L. Moore,	Ohio,	"	12	10
47. Rev. Alvin Baily,	Madison Co. Illinois,	"	12	10
48. Rev. Arnold,*	Indiana,	"	10	
49. Rev. John S. Wilson,	Kentucky,	28	6	
50. Rev. Cornelius Duval,	Kentucky,	"	6	
51. Rev. William Vaughn,	Kentucky,	"	6	
52. Rev.	Bap. Chh. Brockville, U. Canada.	"		
53. Rev. Joel Halsey,	Kentucky,	Dec. 11	12	
54. Rev. M. Floyd,	Kentucky,	"	12	
55. Rev. John Harding,	Kentucky,	"	12	
56. Rev. H. G. Waggoner,	Kentucky,	"	12	
57. Rev. J. W. Mansfield,	Kentucky,	"	12	
58. Rev. Jarmon,	Kentucky,	"	12	
59. Rev. John Dale,	Kentucky,	"	12	
60. Rev. John Holland,	Kentucky,	"	12	
61. Rev. John M. Peck,	Agent in Illinois,	"	12	12
62. Rev. Moses Lemen,	S. District, Ass. Illinois,	"	12	4
63. Rev. Lewis Williams,	Franklin Ass. and vicinity, Mo.	"	12	4
64. Rev. James Williams,	Franklin Ass. and vicinity, Mo.	"	12	4
65. Rev. W. W. Tucker,*	Missouri,	"	12	
66. Rev. Thomas G. Jones,	Missionary Agent, Ohio,	24	12	4
67. Rev. Richmond Taggart, Minister,	Cleveland, O. in,	"		
68. Rev. William Chaffee,	Lima, Allen Co. Ohio,	Jan. 7	12	10
69. Rev. James G. Hall,	Tennessee,	"	6	
70. Rev. Micalah Fairfield,	Agent in Indiana,	"	12	3
71. Rev. Ashley Vaughn,	Washington, Miss.	"	3	3
72.	Raleigh, N. C.	"		
73. Rev. J. B. Smith, Minister,	Louisville. Ky.	22	12	12
74. Rev. Alden S. Bayley,	Agent in Mississippi,	"	12	
75. Rev. Micalah Bennet,	Choctaw Country, Mi.	"	12	
76. Rev. John C. Murphy,	Agent in Middle States,	Feb. 14	12	3
77. Rev. Amasa Clark,	Nelson, Portage Co. Ohio,	18	6	
78. Rev. Peter Chase,	Lower Canada,	"	3	
79. Rev. Joel Peck,	Cape Girardeau, Mo.	"	12	
80. Rev. W. F. Misseldine,	Brimfield, Portage Co. Ohio.	"	12	
81. Rev. Loyal Fairman,	La Fayette Co. Ind.	March 11	12	
82.	Wiscasset, Mo.	"		
83. Rev. Jeremiah Vardeman,	Ralls Co. and vicinity, Mo.	18	6	
84. Rev. Ebenezer Rogers,	Upper Counties, Mo.	"	12	
85. Rev. David Orr,	Arkansas Ter.	"	12	
86. Rev. Archibald C. Sangster,	Orange Co. N. Y.	April 8	6	
87. Rev. E. F. Goodrich,	Madison, Geauga Co. Ohio,	15	12	
88. Rev. Ely Frey,	Parkersburgh, Va.	"	12	
89. Rev. Henry J. Hall,	Goshen, Elkhart Co. Ind.	May 3	12	

* Did not accept.

† Those in Kentucky are under the direction of the Kentucky Baptist Convention. It is understood that several of them do not accept their appointments.

Note. The omission of several Missionaries to make report, especially in Kentucky and Illinois, where the greatest measure of success has attended, and the imperfection of the reports received, prevent the Committee from presenting a full account of the Labour Performed, the number Baptized, &c. as was their intention. The appointments during the year amount to 60 1-3 years, amount of labour performed about 23 years, and the probable number added by Baptism 400.

It was not unforeseen, that some of those whom we designed to benefit, might misunderstand our design, and misinterpret our measures. We were not disappointed, therefore, to find that our missionaries have, in a few instances, met with opposition from some of those, who, they rightly judged, ought to have encouraged their efforts. Some churches have refused to receive them, and a few associations have passed resolutions declaring that they will not fellowship missions and other kindred objects, nor those who encourage them. The Committee are disposed to look charitably on these erring brethren. They have been misinformed and imposed on by designing men, and induced to regard missions and all other benevolent efforts as a species of church-and-state amalgamation, which as Baptists, we have always resisted, and which the friends, no less than the enemies, of missions, regard with horror. They also most mistakenly allege that all this pretended benevolence is a mere money-getting affair. These operations are opposed, further, as inconsistent with the purity and simplicity of the gospel; as human devices for accomplishing that work of God which he claims as his peculiar prerogative, and thus sacrilegiously attempting to take his work out of his hands. If such be the nature and the tendency of missionary operations and their kindred measures, we too, would abandon them, refuse them any favour, and strenuously oppose them. But while we wish to do ample justice to the intentions of these brethren, we are not satisfied with their reasoning. We require stronger proof that these societies are wrong, than that some other denominations whom Baptists, as a matter of course, believe to be wrong, in regard to the special ordinances of the gospel, are actively engaged in them, and even that they are not specifically named in the New Testament. And we unhesitatingly believe, that if these brethren were personally acquainted with the general character, humble piety, the immense amount of gratuitous labour, and liberal contributions, of those who manage the concerns of these charitable associations, their prejudices would yield; and if they had watched the operations of these institutions for successive years, and witnessed the happy effects produced, they would, if truly pious, approve, and themselves cheerfully co-operate in these labours of love. We, therefore, confidently believe, that when these brethren are more fully informed, they will not only cordially approve, but efficiently encourage, the efforts of this society.

It has been feared by some, that the establishment of this society, and an interest awakened in favour of Home Missions, would operate an unfriendly influence on Foreign Missions, and other objects; that the multiplication of the objects would diminish benevolent effort, and impoverish the treasury of the Lord. Facts disprove the supposition. On the other hand, it has been found that the more numerous these objects are, the larger is the amount contributed to each of them. Nor is this remarkable. Talents are improved by occupancy. It is easier to do all our duty than a part of it; and the more we do for the cause of God, the more he will enable us to do for it. Liberality improves Christian character; it makes men industrious and frugal, and self-denying, as well as devout and spiritually minded.

It has been observed, that those churches which are most active in promoting the benevolent enterprises of the age, are most highly favoured with revivals, and consequent additions to their numbers, and with general prosperity. Nor is this surprising. Christians who per-

form one part of their duty, usually perform other parts of it, and the Lord God withholdeth no good thing from them that walk uprightly; with such sacrifices God is well pleased; he doeth good to them that are good; and the blessing of the Lord maketh rich. In a word, the spirit of missions, is the spirit of the gospel: a disposition to do good to others is piety, and the strength of that disposition is the measure of piety. There is an obvious and gratifying improvement in liberality of sentiment and effort among our people, which promises much good to the cause of the Redeemer and the best interests of men. There is a waking up to some of the long-neglected duties of religion; an assimilation to the distinguishing characteristic of religion,—disinterestedness,—a living and labouring for the good of others, which indicates an approach to the millennial glory of the church.

There seems to have been an error committed in respect to the order of our public charities. Our people commenced any considerable effort with foreign missions; next they engaged in ministerial education, as it was soon seen that properly qualified missionaries for the foreign service could not be found; and last of all, they entered the field of Home Missions. Now, obviously, the order of nature is here inverted. Next to providing for our own spiritual instruction by sustaining the ministry, our first object should be to supply the destitute within a moderate district around us, and this is properly Domestic Missions. After this, our sphere of operation should be enlarged so as to embrace the country, and this is Home Missions. Afterwards Foreign Missions should receive attention in efforts to convert the world, while all along, the education of suitable young men for the ministry, should be promoted, so that the churches may have competent ministers, and that competent missionaries may be furnished for both domestic and foreign service. The propriety of this order is seen in the fact, that unless the churches are prosperous, they cannot aid any department of Christian enterprise, and all its objects must eventually languish, or fail of extensive and permanent prosperity. The folly of the opposite course resembles the policy of a nation so eager of foreign conquests as to leave its own territory open to invasion; or of a general, who pushes his successes so far into an invaded country, as to allow the enemy to re-take his previously captured posts. While only the friendliest feelings are entertained towards Foreign Missions, and while one incentive to efforts in the cause of Home Missions is their favourable bearing on that object, still, the Committee are most perfectly satisfied, that the true policy of American Christians is essentially a "Home Policy."

The Committee hoped, as one result of the operations of this society, to excite a more healthful and energetic spirit in the State Conventions and other local societies. Two of them, if no more, have secured efficient agents during the year; and several others are ready to appoint such, as soon as the services of suitable men can be procured; and it is to be hoped, that measures will be prosecuted with vigour and perseverance, to secure the undivided time and energies of the best man who can be obtained, in each state, whose efforts should be directed first of all to the interests of the churches in such state; next, to the awakening and directing of the energies of our people to the great object of fully preaching the gospel throughout the country; and afterwards, to the promotion of the cause of general benevolence.

One of the happiest effects of our operations has been, that very many excellent ministers in the west, who have been almost compelled to

desecrate the ministry by being business men, and who, if they did not come fully to approve, had yet from custom, felt measurably satisfied with a false system, have been led to feel their obligation to give themselves wholly to their official work. Some of these men who have been accustomed to labour the greater part of their time for the support of their families, to preach infrequently, with small preparation, under special discouragements, and with comparatively little success; have, by the scanty aid afforded them, been enabled to consecrate their whole time and energies to the ministry; and, while their own hearts have been refreshed, their profiting has appeared to all. Multitudes of similar character and condition, who witnessed these effects, have caught the same spirit, and are anxiously inquiring for the means of imitating these brethren in their devotion to their appropriate work. Such offer themselves as missionaries, and as the funds of the society will admit, will be cheerfully received into the service of the Committee. In this way, among others, it is reasonable to hope that the operations of the Society will greatly promote the interest of the churches. Ministers will come more deeply to feel the sacredness of their vocation, and their responsibility to God and his people; the obstacles, in the way of the performance of their duty, will be gradually removed; their sermons will have more unction; and their labours will be more successful in edifying the saints, and instrumentally turning sinners to God. The churches will learn the advantages of constant weekly instruction, and regular pastoral labour; will come to feel their obligation to support their ministers; will become more devout, practical and active; will acquire more permanency and respectability of character. In this way much of the reproach, which justly attaches to the denomination, will be wiped away.

It appears, in conclusion, that there is a wide and most promising field for moral cultivation; that the portion of it committed to the Baptist denomination calls for vigorous exertions; that a fair presentment of the facts in the case will excite sympathy, and secure liberal pecuniary contributions; that there are men enough ready to enter the field of labour, to absorb all the funds which may be reasonably anticipated; that the obstacles in the way of these benevolent efforts are fewer, and more easily overcome, than has been supposed; and that the blessing of God may be confidently expected on these efforts, without which no enterprise can prosper, and with which none can fail. They would, therefore, encourage the society to perseverance, and a large increase in their exertions, while they caution them against the notion, that the work of moral reform is small, or of short duration. They have entered on a campaign of at least one hundred years, which will not be achieved by one generation, and in which hundreds of thousands of dollars must be expended.

The Committee cannot close their report without expressing their warmest gratitude to Almighty God, that during the year, they have realized how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity: no discordant views have distracted their counsels; no root of bitterness has alienated their affections; and no counter action has embarrassed their movements. They would also advert, with feelings suitably subdued, to the dispensations of the wise Disposer of events, by which several of the officers of the Society have been removed during the year. It seems, though unknown at the

time, that Rev. Mr. Cooper, of Mississippi, had died previous to his appointment as a director. His praise is in many of the churches of the Valley. The death of Thomas Stokes, Esq. one of the vice-presidents, is deeply felt, not by this society alone, but by various other public institutions of which he was an active and respected member, by one of the churches of this city, of which he was a worthy officer, as well as by his afflicted family, whose loss is irreparable. Rev. Aaron Leland, of Vermont, and Rev. David Jones, of Pennsylvania, two directors; have terminated lives of extensive usefulness during the year. Their memory will be long and affectionately cherished by multitudes, whose grief will, however, be allayed by the confident hope that they rest from their labours in the bosom of their Saviour.* These events evince the brevity of life, and admonish those who survive, to work while it is day. There is an immense work devolved on the friends of the American Baptists of the present generation; the time for its accomplishment is short; and it is all-important that they gird themselves for it, and labour with their might. God grant that the Committee, the Society, and all its supporters, may so labour and pray, that when they resign their charge to their successors, they may be prepared to render an answer honourable to themselves, and most honourable to their Saviour, to the question,—With whom have ye left the few sheep in the wilderness?

By order of the Executive Committee.

JONATHAN GOING, *Cor. Sec'y.*
A. B. H. M. S.

New-York, May 8, 1833.

* The Society, during the annual meeting, were first apprised of the very recent death of Levi Garrett, Esq. also a vice-president, who, at an early period, warmly recommended its formation. He was an active christian, whose loss will be deeply lamented by the denomination, and especially by one of the Philadelphia churches, in which he had his membership.

**American Baptist Home Mission Society, in Account with William Colgate,
Treasurer, Dr.**

1832.

May 25.	Cash paid Jonathan Going, for services, from January 2 to April 30,	\$230 70
	" For travelling expenses,	22 55
	" Postage, \$3. stationary, \$4 16. dis. on uncurrent money, \$1 69. Counterfeit money and of broken banks, \$9	17 85
June 11.	" Paid L. J. Reynolds	25 00
July 17.	" Geo. F. Bunce, printing,	112 36
Oct. 6.	" A. C. Sangster, Missionary,	25 00
25.	" Henry Tonkin, do	25 00
30.	" John Dowling, do	20 00
Nov. 13.	" J. M. Morgan & Co. stationary,	7 25
14.	" Spencer Clack. Missionary,	100 00
20.	" Ephraim F. Goodrich, do	50 00
23.	" Thomas Stokes, do	50 00
	" Henry Carr, do	50 00
	" Archar B. Smith do (2 drafts)	200 00
	" Hiram Gear do	50 00
29.	" Jonathan Going, Corresp. Sec'y. Salary, 2 qrs.	400 00
	" do do travelling expenses and Postage	113 88
	" A. Maclay, for postage	11 20
Dec. 11.	" Josiah Denham, Missionary,	100 00
16.	" A. C. Sangster, do	25 00
1833.		
Jan. 17.	" Jacob Sloper, do	25 00
23.	" C. C. P. Crosby, for postage, desks, &c.	23 32
Feb. 8.	" Stephen Goodman, Missionary,	50 00
16.	" Wm. Broughton, for delivering notices,	1 50
22.	" Ezra Fisher, Missionary,	50 00
28.	" A. B. Smith, do	100 00
Mar. 25.	" I. Atkison, for Baptist Church, Louisville, Kentucky,	50 00
26.	" J. M. Peck, agent,	36 00
	" J. M. Morgan & Co. for stationary,	4 00
April 9.	" Moses White, for Baptist Church, Cleaveland, Ohio,	60 00
11.	" John Logan, Missionary	50 00
16.	" Ezra Fisher, do	73 00
27.	" Wm. Kennir, do	50 00
May 7.	" E. Going, Agent, 1 qr. salary and expenses	135 00
	" J. Going, Corresp. Sec'y. 2 qrs. salary,	400 00
	" do travelling expenses, &c.	40 17
	" John C. Murphy, Agent, 1 qr. salary and expenses,	135 19
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**American Baptist Home Mission Society, in Account with William Colgate,
Treasurer, Cr.**

1832.

May 25.	Received, by J. Going, from Baptist Church, Webster, Mass. to constitute Rev. Thomas Barrett Life Member,	\$ 30 00
	" Church, Brookfield, Mass. to constitute Rev. John Chase, L. D.	30 00
	" " Worcester, Mass. do Rev. F. A. Willard, Life Director, and J. Going, L. M.	112 60
	" Church, West Boylston, to const. Rev. Jos. G. Binney, L. M.	37 55
	" " 1st Boston, Mass. do Rev. Wm. Hague, L. D.	47 75
	" " 2d " Mass do Rev. J. D. Knowles, L. D.	163 22
	" " 3d " do do Rev. Daniel Sharp, L. D.	224 50
	" " 4th " do do Rev. Howard Malcom, L. D.	200 37
	" N. R. Cobb, Esq. Boston, do himself, L. D.	100 00
	" Sunday School, 1st Ch. Boston, for S. S. in the Valley,	11 26
	" do 3d Ch. do do	13 81
	" "Orphan's Offering," in letter without name,	10 00
	" Worcester County Baptist Charitable Society, Mass.	100 00

	Rec'd from Church Sturbridge, Mass. to constitute Rev. Z. L. Leonard and A. Fisher, L. M.	61 10
	" " Southbridge, Mass. to constitute Rev. A. Parker, L. M.	50 32
	" Lydia Sherwood, Fairfield, Ct. to const. John P. Turney, L. M.	30 00
	" Rev. Amasa Smith, \$10 & E. W. Freeman, \$10, donations,	20 00
	" A. B. Meeker, \$10 A. Maclay, \$5 T. P. Ropes, \$1	16 00
	" A. Perkins, G. F. Davis, C. C. P. Crosby, Ira Chase, J. Aldrich, J. E. Lazell, I. Atkins, J. Ballard, J. Allen, W. F. Nelson, A. Darrow, A. M. Beebee, M. Ball, E. Loomis, O. Whipple, \$1 each	15 00
	" D. Putnam and D. Hascal, \$2 each	4 00
Jan. 22	" Donation from ———, Boston	15 00
Aug. 27.	" Unknown friend, by G. N. Bleecker,	10 00
Spt. 17.	" Bap. Miss. Society of Mass.	200 00
27	" Heman Lincoln, Esq. Boston, Mass. to constitute himself L. M.	30 00
Oct. 15	" D. B. Crane, Otsego, by T. R. Austin,	272 00
17	" Mrs. Striker of Honesdale, Penn. by I. M. Allen,	3 00
Nov. 23	" By J. Going, from Thos. Kendall. Boston, Mass.	5 00
"	" 1st Church, Boston, Mass. in addition	52 25
"	" Church, Leicester, Mass. to constitute Rev. J. Green, L. M.	30 00
"	" " Ward, do do Rev. John Paine, L. M.	31 50
"	" 1st Church, Providence, R. I.	100 00
"	" 2d " Providence, R. I. to const. Rev. P. Church, L. D.	100 00
"	" 3d " Providence, R. I. do Rev. Wm. Phillips, L. M.	22 81
"	" " Pawtucket, R. I. do Rev. C. Philleo, L. M.	30 64
"	" Connecticut Bap. Convention,	300 00
"	" Church, Stamford, Conn. to const. Rev. Orson Spencer, L. M.	30 00
"	" " Meriden, do	12 26
"	" " Middletown, do to constitute Rev. John Cookson, L. D.	12 70
"	" Collection, Stonington Union Association, Conn.	94 86
"	" Seventh day Bap. Church, Hopkinton, R. I.	8 92
"	" Church, Centerville, R. I. constitute Rev. A. A. Ross, L. M.	30 00
"	" Collection, N. H. Bap. Convention, (including \$20 from Ch. Portsmouth, N. H. to constitute Rev. B. Stow, L. M.)	44 00
"	" Church, South Berwick, Me.	1 50
"	" " New London, N. H. to const. Rev. Oran Tracy, L. D.	16 98
"	" " Newport N. H. to constitute Rev. Ira Person, L. D.	14 45
"	" " Claremont, N. H. do Rev. Leonard Tracy, L. M.	8 12
"	" Collection of Students in Academy, Meriden, N. H.	7 44
"	" Church, Cornish, N. H. to constitute Rev. Gibbon Williams, L. D.	16 85
"	" " Windsor, Vt. do Rev. Leland Howard, L. D.	1 25
"	" " Cavendish, Vt. do Rev. Joseph Freeman, L. M.	32 81
"	" " Ludlow, Vt.	14 95
"	" " Mountholly, Vt. to constitute Rev. Daniel Packer, L. M.	12 21
"	" " Middletown, Vt.	5 27
"	" " Poultney, Vt.	4 79
"	" " Springfield, Vt.	8 22
"	" " Chester, Vt.	2 75
"	" " Holden, Mass.	2 98
"	" " West Boylston, Mass. (in addition.)	24 30
"	" " Dedham, Mass. to constitute Rev. Thomas Driver, L. M.	30 00
"	" Mrs. Marble, Worcester, Mass.	1 00
"	" Mrs. Forbush, Attleborough, Mass.	2 00
"	" Worcester, Co. Bap. Charitable Society,	200 00
"	" 1st Church, Cambridge, Mass. (including \$10 for S. Schools in the Valley,) to constitute Rev. Bela Jacobs, L. D.	100 00
"	" Church, Danvers, do Rev. John Holroyd, L. M.	23 55
"	" A Female, Providence, R. I.	0 50
"	" Church, New Bedford, Mass. to const. Rev. Asa Bronson, L. M.	52 00
"	" Students, Brown University, R. I. const. Rev. F. Wayland, L. D.	46 00
"	" Collection, Warren Association, R. I.	31 12
"	" Comfort Barrows, Attleborough, Mass.	1 00
"	" Females in Sharon, Mass.	7 50
"	" Females in Attleboro, Mass. to const. Rev. J. E. Forbush, L. M.	30 00
"	" 2d Church, Taunton, Mass.	10 76
"	" 3d Church, Middleboro, Mass.	10 37
"	" 4th Church do Mass.	11 43
"	" Dr. Jonathan Wales, Randolph, Mass.	5 00

	Rec'd from Malden, Mass. Female M. Society	11 06
	" Brookline, Mass. Juvenile M. Society for S. Schools in Valley	10 37
	" A Female 22 cts. A Lad 25 cts.	47
	" Rev. E. Going from 8 individuals	12 50
	" Z. F. Doane, 10 cts. A Lady, \$1 S. Macomber, \$1	2 10
	" 1st Church Salem, Mass. to con. Rev. R. Babcock, Jr. L. D.	70 00
	" 1st. Church Lowell, Mass. to constitute Rev. Eld. Freeman, L. D.	75 00
	" 2d " do do do Rev. James Barnaby, L. D.	57 00
	" Church, Amesbury and Salisbury, Mass. do. Rev. E. Foster, L. M.	30 00
	" " Methuen, Mass. Rev. C. O. Kimball, L. D.	50 00
	" Lynn, Mass. Bap. S. School, for S. Schools in the Valley,	4 50
	" Kimball & Sergeant. \$2 M. A. Doyle. \$1	3 00
	" Infant Class S. School, 2d Church, Salem,	0 22
	" A Lady, avails of a useless article of dress,	9 00
	" S. S. Union Boston Bap. Association,	38 72
	" Charlestown, Ms. F. Primary Soc. cons. Rev. H. Jackson, L. D.	100 00
	" do M. do do	261 28
	" A little Girl,	10
	" Church, Grafton, Mass. to const. Rev. O. Converse, L. M.	50 00
	" Mial Davis, Dunstable, Mass.	2 00
	" Mrs. Esther Waters, Worcester, Mass. to con. Joel Marble, L. D.	100 00
Jan. 12	" Church, Roxbury, Mass. const. Rev. W. Leveret, L. D.	100 00
	" Ladies of 1st. Bap. Ch. Prov R. I. con. Rev. R. E. Pattison, L. D.	100 00
	" S. School 1st. Bap. Ch. Prov. const. Nathan Waterman Jr. L. M.	40 00
Mar. 13	" J. C. Murphy, Agt. collected in Hudson River Association,	350 00
Apr. 12	" J. C. Murphy, Agt. collected in Warwick Association.	100 00
27	" Capt. John Cavis of Lowell, Mass. to constitute himself, L. M.	30 00
	" Church, Fall River, to constitute Rev. Bradley Miner, L. M.	60 00
May 3	" J. C. Murphy, Agt. collected in New-York City,	437 00
7	" North Beriah Church, N. Y. to constitute Rev. D. Dunbar, L. D.	100 00
	" A Friend, by C. C. P. Crosby.	1 00
	" By J. Going, from Mulberry-st. Bap. Church N. Y.	116 75
	" do Union Baptist Ch to const. G. Benedict, L. M.	56 00
	" Bap. S. School, Portland, Maine,	3 00
	" From a Lady, by Dr. Bolles,	10 00
	" Josiah Kendall, Dunstable, Mass. to constitute himself L. D.	50 00
	" A Lady, Framingham, Mass. avails of ornaments, by W. H. Dalrymple	5 68
	" H. Ball, S. Reading, Mass.	3 00
	" N. R. Cobb, Esq. Boston, Mass. second annual subscription,	100 00
	" Church, Portsmouth N. H. (in addition,)	10 00
	" do Harvard, Mass, const. J. E. Lazell, L. M.	30 00
	" 3d Bap. Church, Boston, (in addition.)	4 00
	" Ch. Beverly, Mass. to constitute Rev. Jonathan Aldrich, L. M.	35 00
	" Lady in Framingham, avails of ornaments,	6 75
	" Ch. Framingham, to const. Rev. Charles Train, L. D.	100 00
	" Rev. John Parkhurst, Chelmsford, Mass. to const. himself, L. M.	30 00
	" Ch. Sutton & Douglas, Ms. to const. Rev. Job B. Boomer, L. M.	30 00
	" 4th Ch. Middleboro, (in addition.)	3 50
	" Ch. Lexington & 2d Broome, N. Y. const. Rev. J. Ormsbee L. M.	30 00
	" New York Bap. State Convention	300 00
	" By Dr. Kendrick. collected on board Steamboat, <i>Champlain</i> , at prayer meeting, the same amount being paid to the A. H. M. Society.	8 22
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I have examined the Treasurer's Accounts, and find them properly vouched and accurately added. The balance in the Treasury, agreeably to the above, is three thousand six hundred and sixty-seven dollars, and seventy-six cents.

G. N. BLEECKER, Auditor.

NEW-YORK, May 8, 1833.

APPENDIX.

PLAN OF OPERATIONS.

I. It is a primary object with the Committee, *to obtain and disseminate information*, respecting the actual moral condition of the country; particularly as to that of the Valley of the Mississippi, and more especially within the Baptist denomination.

The means suggested for effecting this are,

1. Correspondence with men of intelligence and piety.
2. The procurement of minutes, and reports of State Conventions, or other religious bodies, and all documents containing religious statistics.
3. Public addresses by the Corresponding Secretary and other agents and missionaries of the society.
4. Through the press, by frequent publications in the periodicals under the charge of the denomination.

II. Measures will be pursued *to excite the entire Baptist community to systematic, liberal and vigorous action*, in efforts to meliorate the moral condition of the country, and to advance the spiritual prosperity of our denomination.

The numbers, intelligence, influence and wealth of our denomination allow, our duty and interest demand such increased action. The improvement of the churches at home, while it would preserve them from retrogradation and decay, would greatly enlarge our ability to aid in this and every other enterprise of religious charity.

III. The grand purpose of our organization will be steadily regarded,—*the preaching of the gospel to every creature in our country.*

Of the regular ministration of the gospel of life and salvation, a large portion of the people in the United States are destitute. Other denominations of Christians are making noble and successful efforts; and we rejoice in their success, as far as they publish the great truths of the gospel. But the field is not less wide than it is “ripe already to harvest,” the reapers are few, and there is no reason to fear collision in so large a space of unevangelized territory. Many churches in the Atlantic states are without pastors, and there are in that region, promising fields of labour, as yet wanting alike churches and pastors. But the chief attention of the society at the present period, should undoubtedly be directed to the Valley of the West.

For its supply provision may be made—

1. By employing ministers of suitable qualifications, who may be found now resident there, but who from the necessity of pursuing some secular avocation, do not as yet give themselves wholly to the work of the ministry.
2. By fixing from among our younger ministers, men of piety and talent, and who have enjoyed the advantages of education, in the cities and villages of the West, having a regard to the influence which each position may exercise, from its local advantages, commercial or literary, over the cause of religion and education in the surrounding country.
3. By encouraging experienced and influential ministers, of more advanced years, who may wish to emigrate from the Atlantic States westward; and furnishing information and advice as to the most promising situations for extensive and lasting usefulness. A more equal distribution of the ministerial gifts vouchsafed to the church by its great Head should thus be sought. At present the same amount of members of Baptist churches have on the two sides of the Alleghany a very different ratio of pastors.
4. By establishing as soon as may be, an agency or agencies in each state and territory. These, alike, in diffusing and gathering intelligence, in their influence upon the churches, ministers and missionaries of their several states and territories, and in the collection of funds, would, if wisely selected, prove the most efficient and economical instrumentality that could be employed.
5. By encouraging the reciprocal and friendly intercourse of the Western and Eastern Baptists, in the occasional visits of ministering brethren from the one to the other region of country.

IV. *A large amount of Funds is obviously needed, among the indispensable means of our enterprise.*

These should be sought in the following modes ;

1. Through the medium of State Conventions and other local institutions for the support of Home Missions, whose resources together with those of this society, might be increased by the co-operation of the agents, or by employing a common agent.
2. Auxiliary societies, where necessary, should be formed.
3. The corresponding secretary will be called to travel as extensively as his other duties will permit, and to solicit collections.
4. The employment of other agents, temporary or permanent, will be required.
5. Churches may be requested to contribute by constituting their pastors life-directors or life members of this society.
6. Further efforts may be made in churches by personal application to each member, on the principle of our auxiliary associations, or otherwise, to procure annual contributions to our funds.
7. Churches are requested to sustain one missionary each, under appointment and direction of the Executive Committee, at an expense suited to their ability ; in which case the correspondence of such Missionaries with their benefactors, will naturally tend to awaken and keep alive missionary feeling in the churches. So great is the difference in expense, that any annual sum from \$100 to \$500 would answer the purpose.
8. Ministers might also, once in each year, commend the object to their people delivering a discourse on the claims of the society.
9. Churches and congregations, benefited by aid from this society in supporting their pastor, may be stimulated to assist us, as God shall prosper them, as well by assuming at an early period the whole burden of supporting the ministry among themselves, as by contributing for the extension of similar benefits to other and more destitute neighbourhoods.

AUXILIARIES.

The Baptist Denomination has always suffered for want of some bond of union, obviously proper among those who hold "one Lord, one faith, and one baptism." Home missions present the least objectionable basis for such an union ; and it is hoped, that, at no distant period, one spirit may animate the thousands of our Israel in efforts for their common interest, and in the noblest labours of love for the good of souls ready to perish. One leading object in the establishment of the A. B. H. M. Society, was to combine, in one sacred brotherhood, all the friends of Domestic Missions in the denomination throughout the United States. It proposes, therefore, to all Baptist State Conventions, and other Baptist Domestic Societies, now existing, or which may hereafter be formed, the following terms of relationship.

STIPULATIONS

Between the Baptist Home Mission Society and its Auxiliaries.

It is the desire of the American Baptist Home Mission Society, in the prosecution of its great object of promoting the dissemination of the gospel in North America, not to supersede or to embarrass the operations of local societies, but on the contrary, to strengthen and stimulate them, giving to their labours greater facility and larger extension. To secure this object, they propose to the local and more limited Institutions a friendly correspondence and co-operation upon the following principles.

1. That each local society become auxiliary to this society, according to the 8th article of its constitution, by agreeing to place at the disposal of its Executive Committee, the whole of their income after defraying incidental expenses : Provided, however, that the whole, or any part of such income, that may have been reported to this society as subject to its order, be allowed to remain in the treasury of the auxiliary, if requested by their Board of Direction, for the payment of missionaries and agents as hereinafter stipulated.

2. This society shall allow the auxiliary the right to appoint, direct, and pay missionaries within their specified limits, to any amount not exceeding such income, so reported to be subject to the order of the Executive Committee of this society : Provided, that the appointment of missionaries by such auxiliary shall be in the manner following, viz : A sufficient number of blank commissions shall be furnished to the auxiliary, signed by the chairman of the Executive Committee and the Corresponding Secretary of the Society, which shall be filled and countersigned by the proper officers of the auxiliary, and issued on their responsibility.

3. When the auxiliary shall report the income or receipts of the same to the

Executive Committee of the Parent Society, with the request above mentioned, the committee shall direct the Treasurer to issue an order to the directors of the auxiliary to retain such sum for the payment of missionaries appointed and commissioned as above.

4. Should appropriations, beyond the income or receipts of an auxiliary be needed within their limits, they may be made directly by this society, or a specified sum may be committed to the auxiliary for the purpose.

5. Auxiliaries shall be governed in their appropriations by the same general principles which govern the appropriations of this society.

6. Agents for the collection of funds may be appointed by the Executive Committee of this Society, with the recommendation or consent of the auxiliary; and all agents so appointed, shall report the amount of their collections both to this society and to the auxiliary; and such agents shall receive their compensation from the auxiliary or this society, or both, in such proportions as shall be agreed on.

7. When societies become auxiliary according to the 7th article of the constitution of this society, a definite arrangement, where practicable, shall be made between this society and such auxiliary, as to the amount or proportion of the income or receipts which each shall receive.

It is understood that the Executive Committee of the American Baptist Home Mission Society engage to perform the above stipulations with auxiliary societies: *Provided*, that the limits of such auxiliary societies be such as in their opinion, will facilitate the operations of this society; *and provided also*, that such arrangement shall not be so construed as to debar this society from the liberty of co-operating, in the same manner, if desired, with any local society within the limits of an auxiliary, acting independently of such auxiliary, and, also, of appointing missionaries, and aiding churches in supporting ministers, within such limits, if deemed necessary.

FORM OF AUXILIARYSHIP.

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Be it remembered that the stipulations proposed by the American Baptist Home Mission Society to its Auxiliaries, were agreed to between the society and the

In witness whereof, we have subscribed our names,

Cor. Sec. of A. B. H. M. S.
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PURPOSE OF STIPULATIONS.

"1. Wherever these stipulations are adopted, they will bring the influence of the parent society to act on its auxiliaries in the matter of raising funds, and thus a principle distinctly avowed in the formation of the society, will be most securely guarded, viz: *That it was intended to encourage efficiently all local efforts for supplying to the destitute the preaching of the gospel, without the least degree of interference with them.* On this plan, the agent of each auxiliary will also be the agent of the parent society, and by aiming to be constantly advised of the operations and necessities of the latter, will be able to acquaint each congregation which he may address, with what the whole country is doing; and the influence of example will be fully felt, while the general object, by being presented as *one and undivided*, will assume an importance as much superior to that exhibited by the separate claims of a local society, as the wants of the nation are more extensive than those of a single state or country: and it is found that when facts are presented as the ground of appeal, christians and patriots are disposed to contribute in proportion to the magnitude of the work, to be accomplished by their beneficence. In this way the resources of each local society may be greatly increased by a connexion with the parent institution.

"2. By these stipulations, each auxiliary society is left to the independent and unembarrassed exercise of all its rights, in the business of appropriating its own funds to the relief of the needy within its limits, while it secures to itself the additional opportunity of counselling in the application of other appropriations made by the parent society within the same bounds. And this is an advantage which will be very gladly yielded to local societies, whose knowledge of the work to be done in their

own limits, is in all cases, much more minute and particular than can be possessed through the medium of correspondence with the parent society.

"3. These stipulations, wherever they shall be adopted, will put it out of the power of the parent institution to contravene the wishes of those whose business it is to manage the affairs, and guard the purity of the churches in the different sections of our country. Where appropriations beyond the amount contributed by an auxiliary are needed in the district of that auxiliary, the parent Society will of course find it alike convenient and necessary to consult the wishes and avail itself of the counsels of its own auxiliary.

"The general Society thus claims but to be the servant of churches. It pretends to no ecclesiastical authority. It interferes not with the discipline or the peculiar views of doctrine, of any of our churches. The society has no charter and no funded property. It has its being only in the confidence and co-operation of the christian public; and should it ever, through unfaithfulness to its trust, cease to deserve these, its auxiliaries may withdraw their aid and the society ceases to exist.

"4. The effect of the whole plan, should it be universally acted upon by the churches, will secure the following advantages.

"It will prevent the interference and conflicting action of a number of independent societies, occupying portions of the same field, without concert of views and without harmony of feeling. The state conventions and other local societies, will be led to supply in the first instance their own destitute; while the general society, gathering strength from these sources of its auxiliaries, will be *the servant of all*, in conveying their surplus charities to the new and increasing fields of desolation in our frontier settlements. For this service the parent society, sustained by the co-operation here recommended, will possess peculiar advantages. Its office will be the centre of intelligence on the subject of Home Missions, and the medium through which the numerous local societies may communicate with each other. And what gives life and energy to this whole system, is that the parent society, thus sustained, is enabled to employ permanent officers, and thus to be in effect, *constantly in session*. This is an advantage to which no local society can aspire, but which is indispensable to the prompt and successful prosecution of missions, over a field so extensive and diversified, as yet remains to be occupied by christian zeal in this country.

"This plan is also suited to produce a uniformity of operation, and the missionaries of the auxiliaries being also the missionaries of the parent society, will be reported as such in an annual alphabetical list, with the appropriate designation of the local society which sustains them. Thus the influence of each auxiliary will be embodied, and an annual report presented, which will embrace the doings of all; and the local societies will not be regarded as rivals of each other, but as fellow labourers in the same field, and their missionaries as all belonging to the same family."

FORM OF CONSTITUTION

Recommended for the adoption of Auxiliary Societies.

ART. I.—This Society shall be known by the name of the Baptist Domestic Missionary Society of _____, and shall be Auxiliary to the American Baptist Home Mission Society.

ART. II.—This Society shall be composed of such individuals as shall contribute annually to its funds, together with the members of the several Auxiliary Societies for Home Missions within its limits.

ART. III. The officers of the Society shall be a President, Vice-President, a Treasurer, and a Secretary, to be chosen at the Annual Meeting. These officers, together with at least one person from each of its several Auxiliaries, shall constitute a Board of Directors, of whom five shall be a quorum at any meeting regularly convened.

ART. IV.—It shall be the duty of the Board of Directors to meet at the call of the President. They shall be authorized to appoint an Executive Committee, who shall adopt the most energetic measures in their power for the accomplishment of the objects of the Society, by collecting funds, disseminating intelligence, sending a deputation to all the annual meetings of their own Auxiliaries and of the Parent Society, and generally using all suitable means to excite and maintain an interest in the cause of Home Missions.

ART. V.—The annual receipts of the Society, after defraying incidental expenses, shall be paid over to the Treasurer of the Parent Society, with directions as to the

section of country in which it shall be expended in missionary labours, should the Executive Committee deem it important to give such directions.

ART. VI.—The Society shall meet as often as called by the Directors, and annually, on the 1st of March, when the officers shall be elected; the accounts of the Treasurer, properly audited, shall be presented, and the annual report of the Executive Committee received, and at which meeting this Constitution may be amended by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

ART. VII.—A copy of the Constitution, authenticated by the Secretary, together with the names and the residences of the officers annually elected, and also a copy of each annual report shall be transmitted to the Corresponding Secretary of the American Baptist Home Mission Society.

RULES

For the management of Auxiliary Associations in support of Home Missions.

1. This Association shall be called The [or Female] Baptist Missionary Association, Auxiliary to the American Baptist Home Mission Society [or to the (Auxiliary) Baptist Domestic Missionary Society of

2. Any person contributing annually to the funds shall be a member.

3. The affairs of the Association shall be conducted by a First and Second Director, [or Directress] a Secretary, a Treasurer and Collectors, who shall be chosen annually, and together shall constitute a committee.

4. The committee shall meet at least once in three months, appoint Assistant Collectors, and take every other mode to advance the interests of the Association.

5. The First Director [or Directress,] and in case of his [or her] absence, the Second Director [or Directress] shall preside in all meetings of the Association, and have power to call special meetings.

The Secretary shall have charge of the records and correspondence.

The Treasurer shall take charge of the funds collected, and after deducting all incidental expenses, pay the residue to the American Baptist Home Mission Society, [or to the (Auxiliary) Baptist Domestic Missionary Society of.

The collectors shall solicit and receive contributions, making for the purpose a suitable division of their labours calling on the individuals within their several limits, taking the names of persons disposed to contribute, and their subscriptions, and shall, previous to the annual meeting, pay in the amount of their collections to the Treasurer.

6. The Association shall meet annually, on the second Monday in March of each year, when the annual report shall be read and officers elected for the ensuing year; at which time also these rules may be altered by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

7. The annual report of this Association, shall be transmitted by the Secretary to the Corresponding Secretary of the American Baptist Home Mission Society [or the (Auxiliary) Baptist Domestic Missionary Society of ,] immediately after the annual meeting of the Association.

DIRECTORS FOR LIFE,

Constituted by the payment of one hundred dollars and upwards.

Rev. Daniel Sharp, D. D. Boston, by his Church and Congregation.

" James D. Knowles, Newton, by 2d Bap. Ch. Boston.

" Howard Malcolm, Boston, by his Ch. and Cong.

" Wm. Hague, " " "

" F. Augustus Willard, Worcester, Ms. by his Ch. and Cong.

Nathaniel R. Cobb, Esq. Boston, by his own subscription.

Rev. R. E. Pattison, Providence, R. I. by his Ch. and Cong.

" Pharellus Church, " " "

" Henry Jackson, Charlestown, Ms. " "

" Charles Train, Framingham " "

" Bela Jacobs, Cambridge, Ms. by his Ch. and Cong.
 " William Leverett, Roxbury, " " "
 Mr. Joel Marble Worcester, Ms. by Mrs. Esther Waters.
 Rev. Gustavus F. Davis, Hartford, Con. by his Ch. and Cong.
 " John Cookson, Middletown, " " "
 " Henry Stanwood, Bristol, " " "
 " James H. Linsley, Stratford, " " "
 " Nathan Wildman, Weston, " " "
 " Archibald Maclay, New York, N. Y. " "
 " Spencer H. Cone, " " " "
 " Charles G. Sommers, " " " "
 " Duncan Dunbar, " " " "
 " William R. Williams, " " " "
 " Bartholomew T. Welch, Albany, " " "
 " Benjamin M. Hill, Troy, " " "
 " Daniel Chessman, Lynn, Ms. " "

MEMBERS FOR LIFE,

Constituted by the payment of thirty dollars or upwards.

Rev. John Chase, Brookfield, Ms. by his Ch. and Cong.
 " Thomas Barrett, Webster, Ms. " "
 " Zenas L. Leonard, Sturbridge, Ms. " "
 " Addison Parker, Sturbridge, Ms. by Ch. and Cong. Southbridge,
 " Abial Fisher, Webster " " Sturbridge.
 " Otis Converse, Grafton, Ms. by his Ch. and Cong.
 " Joseph G. Binny, West Boylston, Ms. by his Ch. and Cong.
 " John Greene, Leicester, " " "
 " John Paine, Ward, " " "
 Mr. John P. Turney, Fairfield, Con. by Mrs. Lydia Sherwood.
 " David R. Griggs, Boston, Ms. his own subscription.
 John B. Jones, Esq. " " "
 Heman Lincoln, Esq. " " "
 Rev. E. W. Freeman, Lowell, Ms. by his Ch. and Cong.
 " James Barnaby, " " " "
 " Jonathan Aldrich, Beverly, Ms. " "
 " J. E. Lazell, Harvard, " " "
 " William Phillips, Providence, R. I.
 " Calvin Philleo, Pawtucket, " " "
 " Orson Spencer, Stamford, Con. " "
 " Arthur A. Ross, Centreville, R. I. " "
 " Thomas Driver, Dedham, Ms. " "
 " Asa Bronson, New Bedford " " "
 " Bradley Miner, Fall River " " "
 " Jonathan E. Forbush, Attleborough Ms. by his Ch. and Cong.
 " Rufus Babcock, Jun Salem, " " "
 " Elijah Foster, Amesbury, " " "
 " Charles O. Kimball, Methuen, " " "
 Nathan Waterman, Esq. Providence, R. I. S. School of 1st Ch. Providence.
 Capt. John Cavis, Lowell, Ms. by his own subscription.
 Rev. John Parkhurst, Chelmsford, Ms. by his own subscription.
 Mr. Josiah Kendall, Dunstable, " " "
 Rev. Job B. Boomer, Sutton, Ms. by his Ch. and Cong.
 " George Phippen, Suffield, Con. " "
 " S. S. Mallary, Willington, " " "
 " A. D. Gillett, Schenectady, N. Y. " "
 " Zelotes Grinnell, Westown, " " "
 " Timothy Jackson, Wantage, " " "
 " J. C. Murphy, New York, N. Y. Mulberry St. Ch. and Cong.
 " J. H. Kennard, Philadelphia, Pa. his Ch. and Cong.
 Friend Humphrey, Esq. Albany, N. Y. his own subscription.
 Mr. G. W. Platt, New York, " " "

" W. Winterton, New-York, by his own subscription.
 " Benj. Hallsted, " " "
 " G. W. Houghton, " " "
 " Edward Windust, " " "
 " Joseph Banvard, New-York, by Rev. C. G. Sommers.
 " Timothy W. Freeman, do. by S. Bap. Ch. N. Y.
 Rev. Francis Wayland, D. D. Providence, R. I. by Students of Brown University.

AGENCIES.

An important part of the Society's operations is performed by agents, who discharge the duties of collecting funds, seeking out missionaries, making arrangements with feeble churches to raise a partial support for a Pastor, while the Society does the rest; and holding correspondence with the Society relative to the wants and best method of supplying certain states or districts. Much will depend on the energy and prudence of those who are appointed to these stations; because with them, the feeble churches and such ministers as desire to enter the missionary service, will find it easier to confer, in a multitude of cases, then with the Executive Committee.

During the first year of the Society's existence, the Committee were enabled to establish the following agencies.

IN NEW-ENGLAND.

Rev. Ezra Goings, of Sturbridge, Massachussetts, well known as the efficient Agent of the Massachusett's Baptist State Convention, was appointed during the past autumn. Since his acceptance of the agency he has laboured chiefly in Connecticut. In the course of the ensuing year, it is expected that he will visit the other eastern states, and, as far as possible, attend the meetings of State Conventions and Associations.

IN NEW-YORK.

Rev. John C. Murphy, late of Warwick, Orange County, but now residing in New-York City, is engaged in a collecting agency for the State of New-York. Since his appointment he has visited the churches in two Associations, and has obtained a considerable amount of funds.

It is expected that, in conjunction with the excellent agent of the New-York Baptist Convention, nearly all the churches in the state will be visited in the year to come.

IN OHIO.

Rev. Thomas G. Jones, of Wooster, Wayne County, Ohio, was appointed, during the past winter, to act both as agent and missionary for that state. He has entered on the discharge of his duties, and will doubtless visit most of the important places in that growing section of the country.

Mr. Jones having been long a resident of Ohio, it is confidently anticipated that his efforts, in connexion with the Ohio Convention, will be attended with the most favourable results.

IN INDIANA.

Rev. M. Fairfield, of Indiana, was appointed agent for that state, and is engaged in the prosecution of his work with commendable diligence. Indiana requires great efforts in order to the prosperity of Baptist Churches; and it is gratifying to know that, very recently, two Missionary Societies have been formed in different sections of the state, embracing a large number of the active friends of Zion.

IN KENTUCKY.

Rev. Dr. Noel, of Frankfort, and Rev. George Waller, Shelby County, have been appointed agents for this state, and both have engaged in the duties of their appointment. Brother Waller has travelled extensively, and the divine blessing has attended his labours.

IN ILLINOIS.

Rev. J. M. Peck was appointed an agent of correspondence, and is rendering the committee great service, by communications relative to the condition and wants of that state.

IN MISSISSIPPI.

Rev. Alden S. Bayley, of Columbus, is the agent of that state. The Committee are not informed of the extent or plan of his operations.

LETTER FROM REV. G. WALLER, KENTUCKY.

Since the annual meeting the following letter, from one of the agents in Kentucky, has been received. As Brother Waller is a Kentuckian, living and preaching in the centre of our missionary field, we deem his communication of no small importance to the friends of Home Missions.

Buck Creek, Shelby County, Kentucky, May 28, 1833.

DEAR BROTHER—It again becomes my duty to address you by way of report. I have been constantly and laboriously employed travelling and preaching, with constant reference to the objects of the Societies whose agent I am. I have attended nine protracted meetings within the last three months. The first in the city of Louisville, Jefferson County. At this meeting I laboured alone, preached eight sermons; ten persons were added to the church, five by letter and five by baptism. The church at this place much revived; great tenderness appeared in our congregations. This church is composed of two hundred and twenty members, and unitedly in favour of the State Convention and Home Mission Society, and will do as much as any other in aid of our objects. Coxe's Creek, Nelson County, three days meeting, preached five sermons, appearances pleasant. Its pastor, Elder Isaac Taylor, a man of high respectability and long standing, is warmly in favour of our objects. Bloomfield, same county, is a large, wealthy, and highly respectable church; attended three days at this place; preached five sermons in the time, had some ad, and all friendly to our objects. This church is a member of the State Convention. Finding it inconvenient to have personal interviews with all our brethren who are travelling in the cause, I addressed them on the subject, through the *Cross and Baptist Banner*, with expectations of seeing most of them at the annual meeting of the Convention, which will convene in Lexington the Saturday before the fourth Lord's Day in this month. Many intervening meetings are omitted, because not thought necessary to be noted. The next protracted meeting was at Danville, Mercer County. This is considered a central point in the state. The United Baptist Church, almost extinct, consisting only of a little upward of 20 members. Their pastor is a respectable brother in the ministry, living about 15 miles distant from the place, and under great discouragements. At this place I commenced on Friday before the second Lord's Day in March, and preached six sermons in three days. Elder John Higgins, their pastor, being present part of the time, became much encouraged, occasionally exhorted warmly. On Lord's Day, although this house is large, it was supposed that there were 200 persons who could not get into the house. Great tenderness appeared in the congregation, from which no doubts were entertained of the blessing of God upon our efforts. Viewing this an important point to be gained, and receiving a letter pressing me to visit them as soon as I could; six weeks after my first, I made them a second visit. Again preached them six sermons in three days. Found several souls who were awakened at our first visit, and before I left them, were rejoicing in the Lord. The prospects here are *great and glorious*. The heavenly flame has caught at the Fork Church, about six miles off. Nine have been baptized at that place in a short time; and that *many* others will soon come in, in the neighbourhood of Danville, I have no doubt. Leaving Danville after my first visit, I crossed the Kentucky river, into Woodford county, where I met with sharp opposition from Brother ———, who goes with great violence against us. We had, however, a protracted meeting in reach of many of his members, who flocked out to hear your agent, and upon that occasion I took time and pains to explain the objects of the *Societies* more fully than usual, and I flatter myself, that such was the effect produced, that he will find it necessary to decline his opposition. Great excitement now exists in that region, on that subject; but I hope that the current will turn in our favour. We had a most interesting season of refreshing at the meeting at Frankfort, at which 23 were baptized, and the brethren became very much encouraged on the missionary subject.

On the subject of funds, we have thought it necessary to use great caution. Some of the brethren, in every part of the state, have been in the habit of feeling it their duty, and discharging it to some extent, to bestow a portion of their carnal things upon those who minister to them spiritual things; but the entire want of system and general co-operation, render them feeble and inefficient in that *good work*. We look forward however to a period, and that near at hand, when our brethren will become well taught on this subject, when they cannot fail to feel it their duty, as well as their privilege and great interest, to abound in this good work. Our brethren in the east must not be weary in well doing; for, I am persuaded, that in due time they will reap if they faint not. It is right to *provoke* one another to love, and to *good works*. May the Lord work in us to will and to do of his good pleasure.

Affectionately your Brother,

GEORGE WALLER.

Rev. Jonathan Going, Cor. Sec. A. B. H. M. Society.

THE SECOND REPORT

OF THE

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

OF

THE AMERICAN

BAPTIST HOME MISSION SOCIETY,

PRESENTED AT ITS

ANNIVERSARY IN NEW-YORK, MAY 7, 1834.

WITH THE

TREASURER'S REPORT,

AND AN

APPENDIX,

CONTAINING FORMS OF CONSTITUTION, &c.

NEW-YORK :

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1834.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

AMERICAN BAPTIST HOME MISSION SOCIETY.

ARTICLE I. This Society shall be called the **AMERICAN BAPTIST HOME MISSION SOCIETY**.

ARTICLE II. The great object of the Society shall be to promote the preaching of the gospel in North America.

ARTICLE III. Any person may become a member of this Society by contributing annually to its funds; thirty dollars paid at one time shall constitute a member for life; one hundred dollars paid at one time shall constitute a director for life; and any person on paying a sum which, in addition to any previous contribution, shall amount to one hundred dollars, shall be a director for life; and any Baptist Church, or Association, or State Convention, or Missionary Society, that contributes annually to the objects of this Society, shall be entitled to be represented by one or more delegates, in its annual meetings.

ARTICLE IV. The officers of this Society shall be a President, Vice Presidents, a Treasurer, an Auditor, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, and fifty Directors, who shall be annually appointed by the Society.

ARTICLE V. The officers and life Directors shall appoint an Executive Committee of thirteen persons, (including the Treasurer, the Corresponding Secretary, and the Recording Secretary,) residing in the city of New-York and its vicinity, five of whom shall be a quorum at any meeting regularly convened. This Committee shall have power to appoint its own meetings, form its own rules of business, and fill any vacancies which may occur during the year, and convene special meetings of the Board and of the Society; shall appoint missionaries, and instruct them as to the field and manner of their labours; shall dispose of the funds for the objects of the Society, (provided that all moneys contributed for any specific purpose shall be faithfully applied only to that particular object,) shall create such agency, or agencies, for the appointment of missionaries and for other purposes, as the interests of the Society may require; and shall make an annual report of their proceedings to the Society. All the Officers, Executive Committee, Agents and Missionaries of the Society, shall be members of some regular Baptist Church, in general union with the body of that denomination.

ARTICLE VI. The Treasurer shall give bonds to such amount as the Executive Committee shall think proper.

ARTICLE VII. Any Baptist Missionary Society may become auxiliary, by agreeing to pay into the treasury of this Society the whole of its surplus funds, and sending to the Corresponding Secretary a copy of its Constitution and Annual Reports, mentioning the names of its missionaries and the fields of their operations.

ARTICLE VIII. Every Auxiliary Society, which shall agree to pay the whole of its funds to this Society, shall be entitled to a missionary, or missionaries, to labour in such field as it may designate, to an amount at least equal to that of its contributions: provided, such designation be made at the time of payment.

ARTICLE IX. The officers of Auxiliary Societies shall be ex-officio Directors of this Society, and their members shall be members of this Society.

ARTICLE X. The annual meeting of the Society shall be held at such time and place, as the Society shall determine at a previous annual meeting.

ARTICLE XI. No alteration of this Constitution shall be made, without an affirmative vote of two thirds of the members present at an annual meeting; nor, unless the same shall have been proposed at a previous annual meeting, or recommended by the Executive Committee.

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 " Calvin Philleo, Pawtucket, " "
 " Geo. Phippin, Suffield, Ct. by his church.
 " Phineas Pillsbury, Nobleboro. Me. "
 " Thomas Powell, Milton, N. Y. "
 " Abijah Peck, Clifton Park, N. Y. "
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 " John Rogers, Scotch Plains, N. J. "
 " Ebenezer Rodgers, Howard Co. Mo. own subscription.
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 " Isaac Westcott, Stillwater, N. Y. "
 " Jonathan Wade, Burmah, by Enon Bap. ch. Cincinnati, O.

MINUTES.

Agreeable to adjournment, the Society, and various delegates, met on Wednesday, the seventh of May, 1834, in the Mulberry-street Church, at 4 P. M., for the transaction of business and choice of Officers. HON. HEMAN LINCOLN, President of the Society in the chair.

Services were introduced by prayer by Rev. D. Dodge, of New-Jersey.

The following persons appeared as delegates from auxiliary and kindred institutions.

Penn. Miss. Association.—J. M. Linnard, J. M. Pugh, Jos. Compton.

Connecticut State Convention.—G. F. Davis, John Cookson, James H. Linsley, Wm. Mc, Carty, Pierpont Brockett, Robert Francis, Esq.

New York State Convention.—N. Kendrick, John Peck, B. T. Welch, C. G. Carpenter, Elon Galusha, A. C. Kendrick, E. Bright, Jr. J. F. Bishop, H. S. Curtis, Edward Kingsford.

New Jersey Baptist Convention.—John Rogers, M. J. Rhees.

Vermont Convention.—Jeremiah Hall.

Hudson River Association.—Octavius Winslow, Wm. D. Murphy.

Mass. Missionary Society.—Bela Jacobs.

Mass. Bap. Convention.—Tho. Rand, Baron Stow, Jas. Barnaby.

New-York Baptist Association.—Daniel Dodge, Samuel White.

R. I. Baptist Convention.—John Blain.

The following ministers on invitation gave in their names; Alfred Gates, L. Howard, C. B. Keyes J. E. Welch, Oliver Welch. John Teasdale, Timothy Jackson, Z. Grinnell, H. F. Baldwin, C. P. Grosvenor, Eber Tucker, Judah L. Richmond, Ezra Going, J. C. Murphy.

After reading the minutes of the last meeting, and of the Executive Committee the following list of officers were duly nominated and elected for the ensuing year.

President.

HON. HEMAN LINCOLN, of Massachusetts.

Vice Presidents.

Gen. Alford Richardson, of Maine.
Josiah Quincy, Esq. of N. H.
Hon. J. H. Cotton, of Vermont.
Hon. N. H. Bottom, of Vermont.
Jerh. Chaplin, D. D. of Mass.
Hon. George N. Briggs, of Mass.
Albert Day, Esq. of Conn.
Robert Rogers, Esq. of R. I.
P. P. Runyon, Esq. of New-Jersey.
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Thomas Baldwin, Esq. of Delaware.
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Hon. Francis Dunlavey, of Ohio.
Henry Hoyle, Esq. of Lower Canada.
Jos. Wenham, Esq. of Upper Canada.

Dr. B. F. Edwards, of Illinois.
J. B. Halsted, Esq. of New-York.
L. D. Ring, Esq. of Tenn.
Rev. Jeremiah Vardeman, of Missouri.
Dr. M. Cunningham, of Arkan. Ter.
Gen. Edward D. King, of Alabama.
Hon. J.K. Griffin, of S. C.
Hon. Thomas Stocks, of Georgia.
Rev. O. B. Brown, of D. C.
Rev. Thomas Hooper, professor in the University of N. C.
Hon. Caleb Eldred, of Michigan Ter.
Wm. Winterton, Esq. of New-York.
Rev. James Lemen, of Illinois.
Cornelius Paulding, Esq. of Louisiana.
Jarvis Ring, Esq. of New-Brunswick.
Rev. Edward Manning, Nova Scotia.

Directors.

Rev. Rufus Babcock, President of Waterville College, Maine.	John M. Intosh, Esq. Tenn.
Ira Person, of N. H.	Rev. John Booth of Michigan.
Baron Stow, of Mass.	John Mitchell, of New-York.
Hadley Procter, of Vermont.	J. S. Bacon, Professor in Hamilton Lit. and Theological Institution.
Francis Wayland, Jr. D. D. President of Brown University, R. I.	George Benedict, of New-York.
John Cookson, of Conn.	C. G. Carpenter, do
N. Kendrick, D. D. N. Y. Principal of Lit. and Theo. Inst. at Hamilton.	A. Perkins, do
Daniel Dodge, of New-Jersey.	C. C. P. Crosby, do
J. P. Peckworth, of Delaware.	E. Tucker, do
W. T. Brantley, D. D. of Penn.	S. S. Mallery, of Connecticut.
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John Kerr, of Virginia.	Lucius Bolles, D. D. of Massachusetts.
S. M. Noel, D. D. of Kentucky.	Rev. J. M. Graves, of Vermont.
George C. Sedgwick, of Ohio.	John L. Dagg, of Pennsylvania.
Rice McCoy, of Indiana.	J. H. Kennard, do
Hubbell Loomis, of Illinois.	O. C. Comstock, of New-York.
Thomas P. Green, of Missouri.	Elon Galusha, do
Alva Woods, D. D. President of the University of Alabama.	John Peck, do
Jesse Mercer, of Georgia.	Andrew Broaddus, of Virginia.
Basil Manly, of S. C.	Irah Chase, of Mass. Professor in Theol. Inst. at Newton Mass.
A. S. Bayley, of Mississippi.	Greenleaf S. Webb, of N. Jersey.
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Stephen Chapin, D. D. President of Columbian College, Dist. of Columbia.	Augustus Beach, of Mass.
	Rev. R. T. Dillard, of Kentucky.
	John M. Peck, of Illinois.
	Samuel W. Lynd, of Ohio.

WILLIAM COLGATE, Esq. of New-York, *Treasurer.*

Dr. ROSWELL GRAVES, of New-York, *Auditor.*

Rev. JONATHAN GOING, of New-York, *Corresponding Secretary.*

Rev. C. C. P. CROSBY, of New-York, *Recording Secretary.*

At a meeting of the Officers and Life Directors, held at the close of the Society's meeting for business, the following brethren were appointed the

Executive Committee.

Rev. Archibald Maclay,	Rev. L. Howard,
Spencer H. Cone,	C. L. Roberts,
Charles G. Sommers,	William Winterton,
Duncan Dunbar,	Timothy R. Greene, Esq.
W. R. Williams,	George W. Houghton.
Rev. J. Going, D.D. <i>Cor. Sec. of the Society.</i>	} <i>Ex Officio.</i>
William Colgate, Esq. <i>Treasurer.</i>	
Rev. C. C. P. Crosby, <i>Rec. Secretary.</i>	

The Treasurer, William Colgate, Esq. read his report, audited by Messrs. William Winterton, and T. R. Green, Esqrs. The receipts during the year were \$11,444 23, while the disbursements were, \$11,480 61. Balance due the Treasurer \$30 33.

Resolved, That an abstract of the Annual Report be read at the evening meeting.

Whereas, at the last annual meeting, the Executive Committee, were instructed to obtain an act of incorporation for this Society; and whereas, after thorough investigation of the subject, the Committee have deemed it inexpedient at present to become incorporated,

Resolved, That the Executive Committee be discharged from that duty.

Resolved, That the next annual meeting be held at Richmond, Va. on the Monday following the last Wednesday in April, 1835, at 10 A. M.

Resolved, That the Executive Committee be authorized to elect additional Vice Presidents.

Adjourned to half past seven in the evening.

Prayer by Dr. Kendrick.

EVENING SESSION.

The Society met according to adjournment, and the meeting was opened with prayer, by Rev. J. Peck of N. Y.

The Cor. Secretary read an abstract of the Annual Report. Its acceptance was moved by Rev. Dr. Sharp of Boston, seconded by W. B. Kenear, Esq. of St. Johns, N. B.

On motion of Rev. G. F. Davis, of Conn. seconded by Rev. M. J. Rhees, of N. J.

Resolved, That far from diminishing the resources of our *Foreign Missions*, the cause of *Home Missions* demands the zealous and general action of our Churches, as preparing them for more general and systematic, more liberal, and more devout and prayerful exertions, in behalf of the destitute heathen.

The evening being spent, and the congregation impatient to retire, other resolutions and addresses from Brethren B. Stow, and R. W. Cushman, A. C. Kendrick, and Jas. H. Linsley, were withheld. The society adjourned till Thursday evening, at half past seven, at the Oliver st. church.

Thursday evening, May 8, 1834.

The Society met pursuant to adjournment. Rev. A. Maclay in the chair.

Prayer by Rev. Pierpont Brockett, of Conn. On motion of Prof. A. C. Kendrick, of Hamilton, New-York, seconded by Rev. Ezra Going, of Mass.

Resolved, That in the success which has crowned the labours of most of our Missionaries during the past year, we read the favour of Providence owning the past, and claiming the future exertions of this society.

In the absence of Rev. Mr. Stow and Cushman, the following ministers gave brief statements of the condition and prospects of Zion in various sections; viz. James E. Welch, John Peck, Pierpont Brockett, and Jeremiah Hall.

REPORT
OF THE
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE AMERICAN BAPTIST
HOME MISSION SOCIETY.

THE revolution of a year has witnessed the removal from the scene of their labours on earth, to their reward in heaven, of several of the attached friends of the Home Mission enterprise. Garrett N. Bleecker, Esq. the auditor of the Society, fell asleep soon after the last annual meeting. He had honourably filled some of the most responsible offices in the city government, and in one of our most important churches, and had secured a good name as a virtuous citizen, and a truly pious man. His removal was sincerely mourned by the church and by the community. During the last year, one of the Vice Presidents has also been removed by death. As a sound divine, an indefatigable preacher, and an active and efficient instrument of benevolent effort, Rev. John Stanford, D. D. filled a large space in the community, and was highly respected. Other departments of christian benevolence will feel his loss as well as this Society, and other communions mourned his departure as well as his own. He exceeded the usual limits of human life, and after a course of eminent usefulness, he terminated his pilgrimage and has entered on the immunities of citizenship in the heavenly Canaan. Dr. Collins, of Mississippi, a Director, has closed his life, of whom the committee know little more than that he was highly esteemed in the Western Churches. Rev. Garner M'Connico, of Tennessee, another Director, has finished his course with joy, after a long life devoted most successfully to the work of publishing the gospel in a new country. "The memory of the just is blessed."

The death of Rev. S. Clark, one of our earliest Missionaries, may be fitly mentioned in this place. It was a mysterious event. He possessed respectable talents, which had been cultivated by education—entertained correct views of the interests of Christ's Kingdom, and of the means by which it should be built up—and was most ready to do all in his power for its advancement.—He had long been useful in Kentucky where his services were still desired; but his love to the destitute induced him to forego many advantages, and suffer many privations in a new part of Missouri.—Here he had laboured a few months—just witnessed the establishment of a church under promising circumstances,—and then was suddenly removed by the cholera (as well as his companion) from his labour to his final reward. His dying testimony in favour of sound doctrine and Home Missions was very marked and affecting; and it is hoped that it will long do good in the West.

The death of our coadjutors should remind survivors of the duty of *diligently improving present opportunities in view of future account-*

ableness. It ought also to excite in them lively gratitude that the lives of all the other officers, including all the members of the Executive Committee, have been spared, and that with few exceptions, health has permitted them to perform their appropriate labours. The course of the Executive Committee has been harmonious, and they would thank God, that they have been allowed to work together in a cause so patriotic, so benevolent, so truly christian.

In presenting their Second Annual Report, the Executive Committee congratulate the Society on the interest which the Home Mission cause has secured in the affections and prayers and pecuniary benefactions of the Baptist denomination. The first year of our existence saw little more effected than a survey of the field to be occupied, and the ascertainment of the fact that competent men were to be found for its culture, and ample means for their support, with evidence that our friends were ready to contribute for sustaining the enterprise, when the necessary information is spread before them, and proper agents are employed to excite them to effort. It is true, that a number of appointments had been made, a respectable amount of labour performed, and with encouraging success. Still the lateness of the appointment of Missionaries, and the failure and deficiencies of their returns, did not allow of accurate statements of their operations.

The last year something more has been done, though vastly less than the Committee desired, less than some of their friends, perhaps, expected,—and still less than the wants of the churches and of the country demanded.—There is, however, much cause for gratitude and encouragement: gratitude, that the work, so dear to patriotism and to piety, has been commenced, and has made any progress in the edification of the saints and the conversion of sinners; and encouragement, that the experiment of the disposition of the community to sustain the object has been successfully made.

The Committee are of opinion that as much was attempted during the year as the state of the case warranted, and that as much has been accomplished as the circumstances would warrant them in expecting. The institution is yet in its infancy. However numerous good men are, and however well fitted for usefulness, principally on the ground where their labours are needed,—there is nevertheless a want of Missionaries adapted to supply a certain description of places—and besides, the fact that other and highly important objects have been so long before the public, that the hearts of our brethren have become warm to them, and they have become accustomed to open their treasures in liberal contributions for their promotion, the times, especially for the last half year and including nearly the whole of the season for active operations, have been proverbially difficult for the purpose of collecting funds. Add to all, the Committee have found it impossible to secure the services of a competent number of suitable agents for the purpose.—Under these circumstances, and being distinctly of opinion that it was their duty to avoid involving the Society in perplexing debts, the Committee, for about one half the year, suspended except in a few extreme cases, the appointment of additional Missionaries. They admit, however, that it is entirely possible, that they committed an error in not trusting more in God and their brethren, so

as to have appointed a larger number of labourers, and looked to the church for the means necessary for their support.

The Committee, however, conceive it to be the chief part of their duty in this Report to exhibit a brief account of their operations to the Society, and of the present condition of its affairs. And they, therefore, without further preliminary remarks, and without general views and reasonings, proceed to its performance.

Names of Missionaries and Ministers.		Mission Districts and Churches.	Length of Appointment.	Labor Reported This Year.
1.	Ephraim F. Goodrich,	Madison, Ashtabula Co. Ohio.	12	12
2.	Archibald C. Sangster,	Orange Co. N. Y.	12	6
3.	Archer B. Smith,	St. Louis, Mo.	12	5
4.	Henry Carr,	Ashtabula and Granville, Ohio,	12	9
5.	S. R. Clark,	Valley of the Miami, Ohio,	12	6
6.	Gardner Bartlett,	Knox, Knox Co. Ill.	12	12
7.	Jacob Knapp,	Watertown, Oswego Co. N. Y.	12	7
8.	William Kinner,	Morgan Co. Illinois,	12	12
9.	Spencer Clack,†	Palmyra, Missouri,	12	7
10.	Caleb Green,	Nelson, Portage Co. Ohio,	12	12
11.	Hiram Gear,	Newark, Licking Co. Ohio,	12	12
12.	William Rees,	Delphi, Carroll Co. Ind.	12	12
13.	Josiah Denham,	New Richmond, Clermont Co. O.	12	5
14.	John Dowling,	Catskill, Dutchess Co. N. Y.	12	11
15.	James B. Smith,	Louisiana,	12	4
16.	William Spencer,	Morgan Co. Illinois,	12	12
17.	John Logan,	Military Tract, Illinois,	12	12
18.	William Sedwick,	Muskingum Co. Ohio,	12	12
19.	Stephen Goodman,	Auburn and Pontiac, M. T.	12	12
20.	R. H. Benedict,	Oakland Co. M. T.	12	12
21.	Ezra Fisher,	Indianapolis, Indiana,	12	12
22.	Ezra Going,	New England, Agent,	12	12
23.	Jacob Bower,	Morgan Co. Illinois,	12	12
24.	Elijah Dodson,	Green Co. Illinois,	12	12
25.	Alvin Baily,	Alton trans. to Carrolton, Gr. co. Il.	12	12
26.	Moses Lemen,	South District Association, Ill.	12	12
27.	Lewis Williams,	Franklin Association, Mo.	12	12
28.	James Williams,	Franklin Association, Mo.	12	12
29.	W. W. Tucker,	Missouri,		
30.	Thomas G. Jones,	Ohio, Missionary Agent.	12	12
31.	William Chaffee,	Lima, Allen Co. Ohio,	12	12
32.	James G. Hall,	Fayette Co. Tennessee,	12	6
33.	Micaiah Fairfield,	Washington, Davies Co. Ind.	12	12
34.	John C. Murphy,	Middle States, Agent.	12	12
35.	Amasa Clark,	Nelson, and Vicinity, Ohio,	12	
36.	Peter Chase,	Lower Canada, Miss. Agent.	6	3
37.	W. F. Misseldine,	Brimfield, Portage Co. Ohio,	12	12
38.	Cook Miner,	Wiscasset, Maine,	12	12
39.	Loyal Fairman,	La Fayette Co. Indiana,	12	12
40.	Jeremiah Vardiman,	Ralls Co. Missouri,	6	6
41.	Ebenezer Rogers,	Upper Counties of Missouri,	12	12
42.	David Orr,	Arkansas Territory,	12	12
43.	Henry J. Hall,	Goshen, Elkhart Co. & vicinity, In.	12	12
44.	A. B. Freeman,	Chicago, Illinois,	12	9
45.	Judah L. Richmond,	Cleveland, Ohio,	12	9
46.	William A. Bronson,	Northfield, M. T.	12	7
47.	A. Wheelock,*	Ohio,	12	

Names of Missionaries and Ministers.		Mission Districts and Churches.	Length of Appointment.	Lebor Reported This Year.
48.	J. V. H. Woods,	Shelbyville, Indiana,	12	12
49.	Samuel Taylor,	Indiana,	12	
50.	Daniel Palmer,	Indiana,	12	5
51.	Jacob Stout,	Indiana,	12	5
52.	J. E. Lazell,	Ohio,	12	4
53.	J. W. Sawyer,*	Detroit, Michigan Territory,	12	
54.	Jacob Price,	Whitmanville, M. T.	12	8
55.	James Hawley,	Westfield, & Medina Co. Ohio,	12	10
56.	Jacob Bayley,*	Ohio,	12	
57.	Kemp Scott,	Missouri,	12	3
	J. Morris,	Missouri,	12	
	Thomas P. Green,	Cape Girardeau and vicinity, Mo.	12	6
60.	J. M. Graves,*	Vermont, Agent,	12	
61.	P. S. Gayle,	Missionary Agent, Tennessee,	12	6
62.	Asahel Chapin,	Ashtabula, Ohio,	12	6
63.	J. B. Cook,†	New Orleans,	12	
64.	William Gambell,	St. Clair Co. M. T.	12	4
	John L. Richmond,	Pendleton and vicinity, Ind.	12	1
	Nathaniel Richmond,	Washington Co. Ind.	12	1
67.	Samuel Harding,	Indiana, Agent of G. A.	9	1
68.	G. M. Daughters,	Indiana,	12	
69.	T. Curtis,	Indiana,	12	
70.	H. D. Banta,	Indiana,	12	
71.	D. Wright,*	Connecticut, Agent,	3	
72.	Joshua E. Ambrose,	Chicago and vicinity, Ill.	12	
73.	Jeremiah F. Talman,		12	
74.	C. G. Wheeler,		12	
75.	Elihu Robinson,	Nashville and vicinity, Ten.	12	2
76.	Eliphalet Williams,	Shelby Co. Ind.	6	2
77.	Lewis Morgan,	Shelby Co. Ind.	12	2
78.	William Kellett,	Arkansas Territory,	12	1
79.	Peter Lattimer,	Ohio,	12	
80.	Samuel Gooch,		12	
81.	M. Geary,	Upper Canada,	12	
	C. G. Hatch,*	Ohio,	12	
83.	Fielding Wilhoit,	Missouri,	12	
84.	Thomas Fristoe,	Missouri,	12	
85.	Thomas Bodley,	Michigan Territory,	12	
86.	Joel Sweet,	Military Tract, Ill.	12	
87.	William Gildersleeve,		12	
	D. W. Elmore,	Alton, Illinois,	12	
	— Abbott,	Ohio,	12	
90.	John Clark,	Illinois,	12	
91.	Nathan West,	Illinois,	12	

* Did not accept.

† Dead.

‡ Settled in Cincinnati, Ohio.

§ Do not immediately enter on service.

REV. Jacob Bower labours in Morgan Co. Ill. Under date of June 11, 1833, he writes, "I have spent much time and laboured incessantly to get the people to throw away their prejudices against missions, and to begin to do a little for the good cause: but they have gone far off, and it will require a tedious time for them to return. It is like putting different kinds of metal into a crucible over a slow fire: they are a long time warming, and then a long time heating, before they will melt and run together. A Missionary must be possessed of a good share of patience and fortitude. Three churches have united in an Association: the last article of its constitution is in these words. 'Each church and member shall be left free to act according to their views of duty on the subject of Missions, B. Societies, Temperance measures, &c. and that the supporting, or not supporting either of these, shall be no bar to fellowship.' We are a feeble band and few in number. I have recently made a tour in Pike Co. a thinly settled region,—where in 16 days, I preached 27 times. Sometimes I would ride 8 or 10 miles and meet about a dozen hearers, who in general seemed to be thirsting for the waters of life.

"I found in some places, large congregations, and many in them anxiously inquiring what they should do to be saved. There were encouraging symptoms of a revival in that region.—Since my last return, I have rode 375 miles, preached 69 times, and baptized 22."

In a letter of Aug. 22, he says—"I have been trying to preach the gospel about 18 years, and at no time in that period have I met with such serious embarrassments. Some of my most valuable and highly esteemed brethren in the Missionary field are now no more.—O! my dear brother Clack, with whom I have so sweetly enjoyed myself, is taken from the evil to come.

Well may it be said of him, 'He fought a good fight—finished his course—and kept the faith'—yes, firm unto the end, and is now eating the fruit of his doings with his Divine Master.—I have often asked myself why is it that one so valuable, so eminently useful as he was, is taken, while I who am so insignificant and useless am left in the world?

"The cause of Missions within the range of my travels is not flattering. I have not been able to do much in the field for some time back. The Cholera, that dreadful scourge, has visited Illinois; many towns have been almost evacuated. It was found necessary to suspend our preaching, except twice on Saturday and Sabbath.

"Some people love much in word and in tongue, but not *in deed and in truth*. They say, 'we like to hear you preach—we are fond of you—come and preach for us:' but only mention their duty,—that the labourer is worthy of his hire, and they will be offended, and say, money-hunter, beggar, missionary, &c. Under these circumstances, the poor missionary must wear out his clothes, his horse and saddle, his body, lungs, and voice, and spend his whole living, and get no help from those who pretend to love him so well. These things are very discouraging; but I often think of Brother Clack's dying words,—'Dont give up the Ship,'—and I am determined to do as he did.—Since May 19, I have rode 372 miles, preached 42 sermons, and bap-

tized one—and there are 4 hopeful converts—making in all since the date of my commission, 1247 miles, 191 sermons and 43 baptized.—Sunday Schools suffer greatly for want of competent superintendents and teachers.”

Nov. 12th. After saying that previously his course had been attended with difficulties owing to domestic affliction, the Cholera, and unheard of opposition to Missions, he adds, “The good cause is evidently gaining ground. I feel much more encouragement than at the first. The Blue River Association, at its first Annual Session, in October, received four churches. It was a time of much peace and harmony.

“Since my last communication to you, I have ridden 784 miles, preached 75 times, and baptized 9. During the year I have travelled 2037 miles, preached 264 times, baptized 52—organized one church, ordained one Minister, and constituted three churches into an Association. I have also visited a few Sunday Schools and lectured them, but have not succeeded in raising benevolent Societies.”

Feb. 24, 1834. After noticing the severe winter as interrupting active operations, he says. “Meetings have been full, and I think I may venture to say that there is a good state of feeling among my hearers in several places, which is truly encouraging to my heart. The good cause is evidently gaining ground, though its progress is slow; it is like the morning dawn; darkness imperceptibly withdraws, and the light approaches. Opposers are not so saucy and violent as they were two years ago: it will be a great work to get professors properly into their duty. In 81 days, I have ridden 634 miles, preached 75 times, baptized one, and aided in the ordination of one preacher. I have cheering prospects of communicating to you some good news in my next. I have sat down and wept with a mixture of sorrow and joy, when thinking over the distressing situation of Zion in Illinois, and how God has remembered her in mercy.”

Rev. A. B. Freeman received an appointment to Chicago, Ill. for 12 months.

Under date of Sept. 4, he writes, “On hearing of the change in the place of my destination [from Ohio to Chicago] I at first doubted the wisdom of it, and only thought that as I had received assistance from the Society, and had thus committed myself, I would leave the event with God. I am now convinced, however, that as to the place, this is among the most judicious appointments of your Board.” Dec. 5, he writes; “The state of religious feeling in Chicago, and the country around, is much more encouraging than at any former period. I have preached twice or three times, on the Lord’s-day, each week, attended occasional lectures during the week, held prayer meetings on Wednesday evenings in our meeting house, and on Friday evenings in the Garrison with the soldiers. At our last meeting in the Garrison, one rose for prayers, and another expressed the joy he felt on finding Him of whom Moses did write. Since my last, I have had the privilege of constituting two churches, both of which are increasing; one, Oct. 6th, on Au’Plain River, of 12 members—3 have since joined and 7 others wait for the next meeting to join, and 2 or 3 are expected to be soon baptized, to this church, and the surrounding settlements I preach one sabbath in a month. The Chicago church was constituted

Oct. 18th with 17 members, and several others will join soon. We have a High School just commenced, with fair prospects, by a Brother Sproat from the East. Our Sunday School is flourishing, and conducted in union with the Presbyterians."

April, 25th, he writes, "There being no Baptist Minister within a compass of 150 miles of me, while the country is filling up in an unparalleled manner with emigrants from all the East, and a large proportion favourable to Baptist views, who are inclined to religion at all, I could not confine my labours exclusively to Chicago. Since my last communication, I have preached 56 times, and travelled into most of the settlements West, and South West of Chicago, within 50 miles. I have met a share of prejudice and false doctrine in these tours; but the people generally of all this country are hungry for the bread of life. They often travel 8, frequently 12, and occasionally 16 miles to hear a single discourse. The Lord has evidently been with us in many meetings in the country. There have been some cases of conversion.—In Chicago, the Strength of Israel has appeared for us. After having prayed and laboured assiduously during the winter, under the impression that the winter, when business was suspended, was the time for God to work, he has shown us that his ways and his thoughts are not ours; and just while we were offering the prayer of extremity, 'Lord save us; we perish'—while men were all in the bustle of business, and some were imagining that the Lord was slack concerning his promise, he appeared in his glory. There have been about 20 hopeful conversions within the last three weeks.—We have Maternal Associations composed of Presbyterian and Baptist mothers, and female prayer meetings.—Next Sabbath, I expect to baptize two or more. Chicago is indeed an important place. Every thing combines to make it such, not in prospect only—already it assumes the appearance of no mean city.

"Every view taken of Home Missions goes to sustain the position that they are preeminently important—as in relation to the permanency of our civil institutions—to the spiritual interests of men—and as connected with the honour of religion."

Rev. H. Benedict, Michigan, says, May, 21, 1833, "One fourth of my time I devote to the church in Auburn, until it shall obtain a Pastor, Brother Goodman having engaged to commence in July, and labour with the Auburn and Pontiac churches. One fourth part I devote to the Town of Ray, Macomb Co. Here prospects are encouraging. A church of 15 or 20 members will probably soon be formed. One fourth part, to Bloomfield, Oakland Co. here about 20 members have covenanted to maintain the worship of God and have sent for a council to give them fellowship as a church. There are a few candidates for baptism. My labours have been blessed, one soul I hope is converted, a Sunday School and Temperance Society, have been formed, and Temperance principles have been adopted in their covenant. In Ray is also a Sunday School, but no Temperance Society has yet been formed. In Auburn there is a Sunday School, Temperance Society, and Anti-Tobacco Society. One fourth part in Mount Vernon and vicinity. Our settlement is new and small, but flourishing; two years

ago it was without an inhabitant. We have now a flourishing Sunday School, with a Library worth \$10." August, 19, he says, "The church in Auburn having obtained a Minister, I exchanged that field of labour for Grand Blanc. There is no church or Minister within 30 miles, and I must supply them, or they will be destitute.—Held a three days meeting here in June and assisted in forming a church of 26 members, since increased to 30. "A meeting was held in Bloomfield 2 days, and a church, which under God I had gathered, formed of 16 members, since increased to 21."—Feb. 15, 1834, "The churches remain steadfast in the faith and live in harmony and love. One church has been fellowshipped in Wayne County since I wrote you last." March, 20, "I have baptized one more in Ray, and two have been added to the Church in Bloomfield by letter."

Rev. A. B. Smith, has had an appointment in the city of St. Louis, Mo.—which he faithfully fulfilled, though less was done for the cause than the Committee hoped, and he intended. The importance of this place forbids that its occupancy should be abandoned, while it is certainly for the present an unpromising soil for cultivation. The best wishes of the Committee follow Brother Smith to the important place he is called to occupy in Virginia.—The Committee regret that their efforts to obtain a suitable successor to Brother Smith, have hitherto been unsuccessful.

Rev. David Orr is a Missionary in the Territory of Arkansas. Under date of July 7, he writes,—“I have ridden extensively and preached constantly since April last—and, indeed, I may say, for the last five years, in this extreme west. Since the reception of your commission, I have arranged my field of labour, which extends 60 miles to the east, embracing that part of the Territory lying contiguous to Missouri—80 miles north, and north west, embracing Izard and Independence Counties, and south to the Black Swamp. My time is spent in preaching Jesus Christ, I baptize more or less in every town, and sinners press in crowds to hear the word. Six years ago, I constituted the first Baptist Church in the northern boundary of the Territory—five years since I removed here—and since that time, I have constituted 6 churches, which now compose our Spring River Association. Recently, I have constituted two other churches. All appear in a flourishing condition. A great reform has taken place in respect to Missions. The opposition formerly to all benevolent operations was great: now the most of our churches are favourable to the Home Mission System, and I think by the next meeting of our Association, there will not be a dissenting voice. One Temperance Society has been formed, and a favourable impression is made on the surrounding country.” October 7. “All the churches have had a gradual increase, and appear zealous toward God and the promotion of his cause. I have spent some time in visiting destitute neighbourhoods, and find an unusual anxiety for gospel preaching among them. Thousands in our remote borders are perishing for want of the bread of life. I have visited places where grown up people had never heard a sermon from a Baptist preacher.”

January 25, 1834. “This year has been one of the most extraordi-

nary of my life, by reason of intense preaching, laborious travelling, and exposure to heat and cold, in penetrating the barren wastes of Arkansas. I think Arkansas affords as great a field for Missionary labour as any other part of the West. It is but little that one man can do in so large a field; but God has been gracious to me. I have baptized 80 persons. I have travelled and preached some entire years west of the Mississippi, and did not receive from the people enough to pay for the shoeing of my horse. But while it is written, "The poor have the gospel preached unto them, I expect to be found fighting under the banner of my King."

April 10, he writes: "I have made a protracted tour into the upper settlements of Strawberry River. This settlement evinces a greater solicitude to hear the gospel than is common in Arkansas. At a two days' meeting, on the 5th and 6th inst. the concourse was great—sinners were solemn—and shed tears profusely,—and those who had named the name of Christ rejoiced. A brother of elevated standing in the political as well as religious community, on the Saline River, 160 miles south of me, writes: 'My dear brother Orr, we are almost entirely destitute of the means of salvation. The borders of our Lord the King might be enlarged, if you would come over. The neighbourhood unite with me in saying, come over at all hazard, and at any sacrifice. Do not fail to come.' A brother of great moral worth at Iazard, C. H. another destitute place, thus writes: 'Brother Orr, the pressing solicitations of my neighbours compel me to say, if it is possible, visit us immediately. Do not delay—for many are perishing for want of the bread of life.' My task is truly arduous, but I have performed it without a murmuring word. I have long since vowed to consecrate my time, my talents, and my all. I have baptized 100.

Rev. C. Greene, under commission from the Society for 12 months, went to Portage Co. Ohio, in September, 1832. He has been laborious, prudent, and successful.

April 3, 1833, he says: "Since my last communication, nothing has occurred of a discouraging tendency. On 25th of February, a Temperance Society was formed of 50 members, and Mar. 26th, 31 more were added. Our merchants are *all temperance men*. Five have been added by letter, and one (excluded for Mormonism) restored. There is a Sunday School in all the places where I labour. I have assisted in the organization of *two* churches." July 2. "Our Sunday School in Nelson consists of 60 scholars, with 11 teachers, and 140 volumes in the library. A school has been organized in Brimfield, including 40 scholars." November 29. "My year's service under your patronage expired 5th inst. I have not laboured altogether in vain. Nine months ago there were but 11 efficient members in the church in this place, and only 2 of these were males advanced in life: now we have 27, and of these, 9 are males. The second Sabbath in October, I baptized 2, and on 2d of this month 1. The church has raised \$208 for various benevolent objects. Our Temperance Society numbers between 80 and 90. Prosperity attends the Brimfield church, organized in December last with 5 members, but now it has 10. I baptized one here in August. There are persons in this church who will give at the rate of four cows a year for the privilege of hearing the

gospel. Let no one say they are impoverishing themselves—they are increasing in wealth. In September, the Portage Association was organized with ten churches. The inviting fields of eastern labour cannot induce me to return, and leave the famishing thousands in their log cabins.” March 29, 1834. “God has poured out of his Spirit on us for some weeks past, and upwards of 20 have indulged hope in Christ. Some are men of the first respectability. Such has been the rapid growth of this little and afflicted branch of Zion, that they now offer to sustain one all the time,—but my other stations are equally important, and I cannot abandon them until some one is obtained to occupy the field. In Charlestown, which is an important place on the Ohio Canal, there will be soon a church constituted. In Middlebury, I feared whether we should succeed, not because they were unwilling to do, but because they wished to do more than I thought they were able to do at present. One brother offered \$10,000 for an Academy. I thought, however, that the organization of a church and the building of a meeting-house ought to engage their first attention. In February I succeeded in persuading them to engage in this work. The people of Middlebury and Akron unite in the erection of the house, and it will stand in the latter place. I stated in my last, that I should not call for any part of my allowance for the present year. Can you not appropriate the amount guaranteed to me, for a man in Middlebury and Akron? Two or three men, who have any idea of taking care of themselves, can soon be taken up in this section.”

***Rev. J. G. Hall*, late of N. Carolina, was on a tour of observation in the West, at the time of the last anniversary. His visit was useful, and the information he has transmitted to the Committee has been advantageous. The Committee are happy in stating, that brother Hall is a Missionary located in West Tennessee.**

The letters of Mr. Hall have been highly interesting, and have given the Committee a vivid impression of the wants of the Baptists in that state. June 29. This Missionary reached Fayette County, Tennessee, with his family, December 31, 1833. February 18, he says: “There are several churches in the county, and many Baptists scattered over it, who have not attached themselves to any church, and who cannot conveniently do so, until new churches shall be constituted in their neighbourhoods. I hope the Lord will make me the instrument of collecting many of these scattered brethren into churches, and raising our standard in many new places.”

***Rev. Wm. Spencer*, Jacksonville and vicinity, Ill., commenced labour Nov. 1, 1832, and preaches at several places. He writes, May 22d, 1833, “In the Diamond Grove Church there is a S. School. At the English Settlement, I have seen some favourable appearances, but none have yet come forward to profess the name of the Lord. Here is a Sunday School.—At Jersey Prairie, very little interest is manifested by the greater part of the members for the prosperity of the cause among them. Before I knew them, some of their members were favourable to the sentiments of the Reformers, went off, and induced others to go with them. They have formed a church, built a meeting house, and meet for worship every Lord’s Day. The old Baptists have worship twice a month. They have also a Sunday School. At Clary’s Grove, I preach 4th Lord’s Day in the month. Here**

is a most promising appearance of doing good of any other place that I attend. This Church had long been destitute of an efficient ministry, and harassed and annoyed by the speculations of Mr. A. Campbell. I went for the first time in January, and have been every month since. The people turn out well, and what is still more encouraging, hear with apparent attention. At their April meeting, two united by letter. They have a Sabbath School.

"Their backwardness in supporting religious institutions in part, I apprehend, is the result of not having been called on in early day of their profession to this duty.

"Practical and sober minded men are greatly needed in the ministry in this country. I have been labouring for nearly fifteen years in the West, and under many discouragements, but thanks be unto God, he has enabled me to persevere, and I trust he will unto the end of my days."

Nov. 20, he speaks of the Cholera, which so deranged the common order of things, that the claims of the sick, and the burying of the dead, were nearly all that could be attended to. "Myself and wife were both down with it, our attack, through mercy, was comparatively light, though it greatly enfeebled us both. The churches which I attend have changed their order a little for the better. Two of them have agreed to meet every Lord's Day for the worship of God, and one of them for the monthly concert. The church in Clary's Grove, have had two added by baptism.

"Our course must be *onward*, though thorns are strewed in our path. We have here a large field of labour, and much to be done, and a peculiarity of talent is needed."

March 31, he says, "The churches which I serve regularly go on peaceably. At Clary's Grove, the prospect is a little more encouraging. Two have been received since my last, one by letter and one by profession. I am not without my fears that the errors of Campbellism will produce a wide spread evil in this Western country, owing to the state of religious society here."

Rev. J. B. Smith has spent 4 months in Louisiana. Under date of January 29, 1834, he writes—

"I find many things here to make me spend much time in prayer, and to feel entire dependence on the God of Missions. I found the Sunday School here, [Franklin St. Mary's Parish,] struggling for life, but I now think it has gained the victory, and is permanently established. It is my painful duty to say, that the Sabbath is here too often the principal business day in the week. This is a sad evil, for without the Sabbath, it is impossible to establish churches, or perpetuate their existence. There is nothing so well calculated to create a veneration and observance of the Sabbath, as the Sunday School. Every Sunday School scholar is a friend of the Sabbath. Thus you see, that out of 500, the population of Franklin, we have 52 advocates for the Sabbath. When the conspirator of Rome determined to subvert the government, he began to ingratiate himself into the affections of the young men, and before he was detected, he had well nigh accomplished his designs. And it may with the greatest propriety be said, that on the rising generation, we are dependent for the success of the gospel in this state.

If we cannot *live*, we will be thankful for *breathing*. If any ask, how I was supported before I got a commission from your Society, I would say, that I taught school until I got a little ahead, and then preached until it was gone, and then went into school again. So I did until I got a commission from the Massachusetts' Missionary Society. Since then, I have given myself wholly to the work, and have baptized nearly 100 persons. I have proved the truth of the passage, "If any man serve me, him will my father honour."

Rev. M. Fairfield received an appointment for 12 months as **Missionary Agent** in the State of Indiana, and commenced his labours, **March 21, 1833**. He travelled pretty extensively, and laboured to promote good things in the churches, and especially to devise means to bring into the field of labour the ministers already on the ground, and with some success. The information he has from time to time transmitted to the Committee, touching the actual condition of the churches has been of essential service. It will be seen from the Table, that he is now under appointment as a Missionary in **Veal Creek Church, and Davies Co.** in the same State.

In a letter of **April 28, 1833**, and received immediately after the **Annual Meeting**, he says, "I hope the churches will be brought to realize the advantages of a devoted ministry, of which they are ignorant. We must some how or other contrive to exemplify these advantages in their own experience. They will not promise to pay for services which they have not received, and the need of which they do not feel. But if their ministers can be enabled to devote themselves entirely to preaching, so that their hearers may reap a sensible benefit from such devotedness, they will be led, I hope, to do more, and eventually, to a right course of acting. Let us begin on a small scale, practise a most rigid economy, and look for fruits. We must have a set of self-denying preachers to revive the Baptist Churches in this State; and I rejoice to add, our preachers are accustomed to self-denial, and many of them well adapted to the wants of the community, if they could devote themselves to their work."

June 25, he writes:—"The organization of the General Association will have the happiest effect, I have reason to believe: though it will not at present do much directly; but it will serve as a bond of union, not only among those who contributed to its funds, but also among those who are not thoroughly alienated from correct principles. Oh, that we more deeply felt that all our hope of success must be in the sovereign mercy and overruling providence of God!"

October 15, after mentioning the acceptance of their appointment, by several missionaries, he says. "Brother Samuel Taylor (who had also been appointed) is removed to a higher station. God has called him to his upper sanctuary. I was going to visit him with high expectations of his future usefulness in the church, indulging the hope of contributing to that usefulness, and heard not of his departure till I came within six miles of his dwelling. Brother Taylor has left a large vacancy, and difficult to fill. He had just organized a feeble church at Centerville, the County Seat, which must sink unless God sends special aid.

"The small Association lately organized on the **Wabash** under the influence of your Missionaries, **Rees and Fairman**, exhibits an excel-

lent spirit. They took a collection at their meeting for our funds. The Missionary Society in the Union Association (to which the Society had made a grant) supports two Missionaries this year." Speaking of the opposition to christian effort in a certain section, he says, "it is not eastern influence they oppose, nor the alleged speculation of professedly benevolent institutions,—but practical godliness, and the efforts made for the salvation of men, which are urged on primitive bible principles."

Since June 20, "I have attended six associations and two protracted meetings, and have preached 51 times."

January 3, 1834, after speaking of the coldness with which he had been received, in assigning the cause of it, he says,—“I had been a *Bible Agent*, and was now a *Missionary*—both these were offensive terms and causes of jealousy. You ought to send one, if not two Missionaries into the south part of Indiana as soon as possible. From December 17 to 29 inclusive, I preached 13 times. Last Friday, Saturday, and Sabbath, I had an excellent meeting with Brother Palmer, your Missionary, on Pipe Creek. The Lord was evidently present with us, and I hope a great revival has begun there. Many sinners wept, and seemed engaged to seek salvation.

“If ignorance, division, error, and deep depression of preaching talent, and a consequent exceedingly low state of practical religion, are evils which the Society is intended to remove, then is Indiana a very proper field of labour.”

In his last communication, March 31, he writes,—“In my last tour of 11 weeks and 2 days, I preached 50 times, attended several other meetings, and visited 30 families.”

Speaking of one of the Associations, he says,—“They have a number of promising young preachers, who need the assistance of a prudent man, who might be an instructor and guide. There is a disposition to support their preachers partially aroused. I am confident, there is a peculiar opportunity for exerting a very important influence on the Baptists in this region. There is a readiness to listen to instruction, and to engage in doing good; yet errors abound—few are well established in the faith—plans for effort are but imperfectly organized—resolutions are feeble, and need strengthening—great good or great evil seems to depend on the present moment, and the proper instruments to secure a favourable result are not there. All this seems to urge you to send a suitable man there as soon as possible. There is less of principle, or doctrine, in the opposition to christian effort, and more of ignorance and prejudice, than I used to think. I lately preached to a church zealous for eternal justification, and against missions. I preached salvation by grace, not *justice* (as their doctrine implies) and they heard me attentively: they seem to be pious, and I hope my visit was not altogether useless. A very interesting state of things exists about this place [Bloomington.]

“There are 25 Associations in Indiana, and about 200 regular Baptist preachers, sixty of whom are only licentiates.” He represents two of the Associations as Arminian in doctrine, and a few others as tinctured with the opposite error of Antinomianism.

Rev. E. Rodgers, under date of Howard Co. Mo. May 26, 1833,

says,—“ When I came to this country, the Mount Pleasant Association, of which I am a member, was formed of three or four small churches, consisting in all of 50 or 60 members; but the Lord has blessed us, and the Association has greatly increased. The Concord, Fishing River, and Salem Associations have amicably separated from us for the sake of convenience. The bounds of these Associations have been the principal field of my labours, for 14 years,—for which time and service, I have received as a remuneration the sum 28 dollars, and some small presents. All our preachers here, have to preach a great deal, and maintain themselves and families. In the first settling of this country, I had to encounter a great many difficulties, there being no roads nor bridges, and but few ferry boats. I had to swim creeks, sleep sometimes in camps and cabins without floors, preach under the trees, &c. But myself, and one or two other brethren, preached a great deal in the infant settlements, and when a sufficient number of disciples could be gathered, we formed them into small churches. But amidst all the difficulties and exposure of my health, I have seen some happy seasons of refreshing from the presence of the Lord; and have had the pleasure of baptizing nearly 500 in the course of 14 years.”

August 16, 1833, he says, “since I wrote you last, the Lord has been pleased, in great mercy, to visit my neighborhood with the outpouring of his Spirit. Last winter, particularly at our evening meetings, the people appeared very solemn; in the spring the solemnity increased; about the middle of June poignant conviction took hold of the hearts of many of my neighbours and their children. Such blessed scenes, of late, pass before us at every meeting, and our meetings are very frequent. In two of the churches which I attend, I have lately had the pleasure of baptizing 16 hopeful converts. And next Lord's day, I expect to baptize 8 or 10 more at Mount Moriah, the church of which I am a member; several have already related the dealings of God towards their souls, and been received.” January 27, 1834. “On Christmas day, near the Grand Prairie, the meeting was very affecting. Tears of repentance flowed freely from the eyes of many, and we had the happiness of kneeling down with them, and imploring the Divine forgiveness. My heart was grieved when I left these poor penitents, not being able to tell them when they should have an opportunity to have another gospel sermon. The Saturday and Sunday following, we preached to a little church in Otter Creek; on Sunday the meeting was the most solemn and awful I ever saw; it was supposed there was not a single unconverted sinner in the house, that was not in tears.”

March 25, 1834. “Since last March, I have travelled between 12 and 13 hundred miles, had the happiness of baptizing upwards of 30 professed converts, and preached as much as my lungs would bear. In taking a retrospective view of the past year, I feel that I can adopt the language of St. Paul, when he met the Brethren at *The Three Taverns*, he thanked God and took courage.

“Our prospects are brightening—light is gradually spreading and darkness is receding. Some of the churches begin to feel that something ought to be done to enable their preachers to be more exten-

sively engaged in the *gospel field*. Indeed, *I can see a great many tokens for good*. You will please inform the brethren at the East, that there is abundant reason to thank God and take courage."

Rev. Wm. Kinner commenced his labours, August 23, 1832, in Morgan Co. Ill.

He met with some opposition. June 10, he says, "I came home lately from the Military Tract. The Baptists belonging to Crooked Creek Association would not suffer me to preach in their houses. One of them invited me to preach in his house, but, alas! when he found I was favourable to Sunday Schools, he said 'that the church would deal with him if he suffered a man of that character to preach in his house, but, he added,' if you will preach in the neighbourhood, I will speak to one of our neighbours, who has a roomy house, and we will all come out to hear you.' Aug. 30, writing from the Military Tract, he says, "— church was in an awful condition; it is a large church, but not more than one half could read the word of God, and much of their exercise in religious worship was conducted without instruction, and with noise and confusion." His visit and instructions seem to have been blessed, as five professed to be converted and joined the church by baptism. "I have many objections to meet and answer, and many corrupt and erroneous opinions and notions, like so much rubbish, to remove, before the people can be got to think right; and you know, that people must think right before they will do right."—Nov. 23, 1833, he says, "I have been labouring in Tazewell Co. I trust the good Lord has blessed my labours to the good of the people. Many are getting their eyes open, and as soon as they see, they act on the principle, that the word of God must be preached to all the world, and that the labourer is worthy of his hire. In the neighbourhood of New Salem, though the church are opposed to Missionaries, and neglect to attend my meetings, the people came out in crowds to hear, and I trust the Spirit of God attended the word, and brought many to bow to the sceptre of the Redeemer. Two weeks ago when I attended there, my congregation much increased, six requested prayers, trembling and crying aloud for mercy,—7 have been baptized. At Manchester, a church has been planted by the labours of Br. Dodson, and six were recently baptized." He speaks of some who read the bible little, and other books none at all, despise all information, and take no publications.—Notwithstanding all this, he adds. "The Missionary cause is gaining fast, in many parts, and in most all places holds its own. During the last quarter, I rode 800 miles, though I preached only 35 times, in consequence of the rainy weather, but I visited much from house to house, and found it useful."

Under date of March 10, 1834, he writes, "I have maintained a Sunday School until last fall, in a place 14 miles from Jacksonville, where were 60 children growing up without education, not 10 of whom can read.—In Sangemon Co. I can address large congregations where two years ago I could not be heard, though there is still much opposition in certain sections of country. In Schuyler Co. the good cause is on the advance. In Tazewell Co. there is much waking up to education and Missionary efforts."

In order to success, he adds, "much depends on the mild and love-

ly course taken by our missionary brethren. May God give us grace to conduct in that way that will be most conducive to the good cause, and the salvation of perishing souls.

"In the counties where I principally ride, there are many settlements that never get preaching only by accident. But in no instance have I witnessed congregations more deeply affected than in those destitute neighbourhoods, where they scarcely hear the gospel once a year.

"I only add, the mission cause, though yet in its infancy, is on the advance, much, very much, is yet to be said and done. My feeble efforts have been used and shall continue to be used in the best of causes."

Rev. Spencer Clack after spending a few months in Palmyra, Mo. died of Cholera. The Committee introduce entire the following letter, as expressive of his sentiments at that solemn period, and in justice to his sainted memory.—

"June 4, 1833.

"Dear Brother Going, I am now dying. Since my last communication to you, I have had much affliction in my family. I want you to pay up my full salary for the year out—else my family must suffer. My trust is in the Lord: he is able to strengthen me and uphold me in my dying hour. Don't give up the Ship; you are engaged in a good cause, you will meet with opposition,—fear not. I have honestly, faithfully, and conscientiously defended the cause,—not with the object of making money, for I have sustained pecuniary losses; but for the glory of God and of his cause. Say to all the Missionaries to be faithful, and bear hardships as good soldiers of Jesus Christ. The blood of Jesus his son cleanseth from all sin. The Mission cause is the cause of God. The Lord loveth a cheerful giver; but he that soweth sparingly, shall reap sparingly.

"My affectionate regard to the churches at Bloomfield, Bardstown, and Little Union. I am going home to meet Brother Norris, and the rest of the brethren. Beware of Campbellism. I have been charged with being a Campbellite; it is without any cause or truth—for I consider it a dangerous heresy. Tell Brother Vardeman I want him to preach my funeral sermon in Palmyra, and expose Campbellism. I want this letter published as my dying testimony to the truth.

"I am not ashamed nor afraid to vindicate the truth. This letter is made up of scraps.

"I am dying: into the hands of *God*, I resign my spirit.

"SPENCER CLACK."

Brother W. H. Holmes, of the Palmyra Church, says, "In a few minutes after dictating the foregoing letter, with the most perfect resignation to the will of God, brother Clack breathed his last. Thus has our community and the Missionary cause lost an efficient and active member. Two days after the death of Brother Clack, his wife died of the same disorder, leaving a helpless and destitute family of six small children. Well, a good man has fallen—the godly *man ceaseth*—a standard bearer fainteth; but he fell on his high

place, and at his post, encouraging his companions in arms to be faithful soldiers, and breathing only loyalty to his king and love to his cause."

In the last Report, it was stated that the Committee had appointed a large number of Missionaries in Ky. from most of whom they had heard little or nothing. They have since learned, however, that the Ky. Convention have met the expense of service in that state, except the salary of Rev. Geo. Waller, and a loan of \$100 in aid of a Missionary, serving the Convention at a time when its funds were low, and it needed the accommodation.

The labours of Br. Waller, though his field of operation is thought to have been too circumscribed, were useful, rather in conciliating the favour of the churches to the Missionary enterprise, and extending information on the subject, than in collecting funds. The prevalence of the cholera, however, greatly interrupted his efforts, as well as those of very many of our Missionaries. It would be pleasant to say that the Convention of Ky. was in a highly flourishing condition; it is feared, that though it commenced well, and has done considerable, it is now less prosperous.

The Convention commenced auspiciously, and has effected considerable. It has, however, in common with many other similar bodies, suffered for want of a competent number of efficient agents to travel among the churches and make collections. It is gratifying to hear, that two worthy brethren are now in the field, whose labours, we trust, will be successful.

Rev. Kemp Scott, Mo.—says, April, 1834, "The state of Religion is very low. Very few manifest such a desire for the salvation of dying sinners as they should feel. Too many neglect to pray in their families, or give necessary instruction to their children. My heart mourns when I think of the numerous throng of young people growing up in this part of the world, and see so little pains taken to instruct them, or lead their minds from the vanities of this world to the Lamb of God. There are very few Sunday Schools and those are not attended as they ought to be."

Rev. E. Loomis, formerly in the employ of the N. York, State Convention as an exploring agent in Michigan, in making his report under date of April 16, 1834, says, "I will add a brief summary of my labours since I left my former location in New-York. I have travelled about 2000 miles; my journeys have been performed almost entirely on foot, I have not ridden fifty miles except in crossing the Lake from Huron County, Ohio, to Detroit. Attended one council, addressed one Temperance Society and attended three church meetings besides Detroit; baptized three persons, set in order five conferences, (that is embodying a company of brethren and sisters with articles, covenant, &c.) preparatory to receiving a council to organize them into a church. This is a prevailing custom at the west, I never heard of it at the East. Hereafter if I mention a conference, you will know what I mean, if you do not already. Served one week as chaplain of the Legislative council, excepting Lord's day. Preached 165 sermons besides attending prayer and conference meetings. Broke bread five times; formed eight missionary societies and addresses, besides obtaining subscriptions to the amount of 600 dollars, collecting but little.—

The number of visits I cannot remember without referring to my journal, which would take up more time than I can spare at present."

The journals of Mr. Loomis are full of interest, and evince an indefatigable assiduity in the work of a missionary, and his survey of the whole country has convinced the committee that the expenditures in that Territory are judiciously made.

Rev. Alvin Bayley, late of Alton, and now of Carrollton, Green Co. Ill. *Gardner Bartlett*, now in Knox Co. Ill. *William Chaffe* at Lima, Ohio, and *S. R. Clark*, in the Valley of the Miami, Ohio, are sustained by the New-York Youths' Missionary Society. They are useful in their several fields of labor, having in each case commenced where there was no organized church, or else they were very small in numbers and in means of supporting the Gospel.

Rev. John Harris was appointed for 12 months, to preach to his countrymen (Welch) in their own language, in Ohio. He has succeeded in effecting the establishment of a Welch church in Columbus, consisting of 12 members. Connected with the Church, is a Sunday School, consisting of 30 adults and children. He is also useful by preaching in English to several destitute churches in the vicinity.

Rev. H. J. Hall, located in the northern part of Ia. writes as follows, under date of May 3, 1834. "Dear Brother Going,—Since my last quarterly report, nothing of much interest has occurred until the 4th of April; my usual appointments were attended, and constant exertions were made in the Temperance cause. On the 4th, our protracted meeting commenced, consisting of Methodists, Episcopalians, Presbyterians and Baptists. The three first days of the meeting but little interest was manifest. Monday, the 4th, a solemn sense of eternal things evidently bore with deep weight on the minds of the people; the Holy Spirit descended and filled the house: man felt his nothingness, while he viewed God all in all. Wednesday was a day of feeling and action; about 20 came and bowed before the Lord of Hosts, while solemn prayer was offered for his pardoning grace. This evening, at a late hour, we adjourned to Friday morning, to meet at another Prairie, a few miles distant. The meeting continued three days at this place, but with less apparent effect than where it commenced. It closed Sabbath eve, 9th day. How many have obtained hopes, I am unable to say, though doubtless now they number 20 or more. The work still continues, and every few days we hear of new cases of convictions and conversion. Our meetings were well attended every day, but on the Sabbaths the congregations were very large, more so than were ever seen before in the county.

"April 27.—A Baptist Church was constituted at this place, consisting of nine members: several others were prevented from attending by ill health, who will, doubtless, join at our next meeting. Here again we had a union meeting.—Brother Cory, presiding minister, made the introductory prayer, Brother Price delivered the address, and the writer of this offered the concluding prayer. It was a day of good feeling; christians seemed united in heart and action. The doings of this day form an anomaly in this part of the country. May the time soon come, when sinners shall be constrained to say as of old, 'Behold how they love one another!'

"There is a church at Greenfield, 9 members added by letter, 20

peful conversions, 12 Sabbath Schools, 32 pupils, 60 vols. Library, Bible Classes, 20 members, 1 Temperance Society, 60 members, 4 nations, 1 Church organized. For two years past, I have not seen half encouragement to labour, as now, nor have I ever needed wisdom and strength and grace so much as at present. My calls are many, labours pressing, my strength perfect weakness; and *must I labour another two years single-handed?* Let those who cannot find a place to labour at the east, answer.

"This Report closes my year's appointment by the society. I have lament my unfaithfulness in so good a cause, and would desire that may double my diligence, as life wears away. May the Great God of the church guide the Society, by whose assistance I have been enabled thus to labour, and may I also share in your petitions at the throne of grace."

Rev. Moses Lemen was appointed in Oct. 1832, to labour in the northern part of Illinois. Mr. Lemen is one of the first Baptist ministers who began to preach in that state; is intimately acquainted with the denomination, and the Committee considered themselves favoured in being able to secure his services. Under date of Nov. 1, 1833, he writes—"Through the summer months our labour here was much paralyzed by the Cholera, but it has long since retired from our country, and all things appear to wear a favourable aspect in view of religion. Our associations this fall have been very interesting. Our last, which was held with Bethel Church, was attended by about 2000 people. They were in all about 150 persons took the anxious seats during the meeting, 76 of which professed a hope in Christ. My mode of operation the past season has been to go round and visit and hold protracted meetings with the churches in both Town and County wherever it was thought practicable, and try to stir up the people to a revival, and in this I have not been disappointed. During my labours the past 9 months I have seen about 400 souls come to be baptized, nearly one half professed to be converted, 31 of whom I have since baptized. I have visited more than 30 churches either in their own church or associational capacity for the purpose of urging them to a more systematic mode of operation, and I am clearly of opinion that if we had some suitable preacher, that was well acquainted with the prejudices of the people, to act as a general Agent to go round the state, hold protracted meetings, attend a meeting of each church and explain to them what is meant by a Theological Seminary, Missionary Society, Baptist Convention, &c., for the space of a year, would do more good toward bringing about a union among Baptists than all the printed documents that have yet been published on the subject. The travelling system of preaching, has been greatly blessed here the past season. There has been more than five hundred added to the Baptists here, who are in favour of missionary operations, while those that oppose them are gaining nothing. I think with prudent management here for a few years, that that unreasonable prejudice which has long existed, may be entirely broken down, and friendship and union be effected among the Baptists. If the Society think proper to re-appoint me to travel another year, I will do the best I can, having been born and raised among the people, well acquainted with their peculiar prejudices, I might succeed where others would not, that were otherwise better qualified."

Rev. John Logan, is located in Schuyler Co. Ill. on the Military Tract, where he has been known for several years, as an active and judicious Minister of Christ. He has had to contend with great opposition from those false brethren opposed to missions, but his labours have been blessed. In October 1833, he writes, "Through the mercy of an indulgent God, I have gone through the labours of another year, according to the appointment of the A. B. H. M. Society. I now give you a summary report of my labours during the past year. Notwithstanding the great opposition I have met from some of my Baptist Brethren who do not understand the design of the Society, I have abundant reason to thank God that he has not left me without some token of divine approbation. During the year I have baptized 46 persons upon the profession of their faith in Christ; organized one church in company with Elder G. Bartlett, and had appointments to aid in organizing 3 others, but in consequence of sickness of myself and family did not attend, but other brethren by my request organized them; the churches that have had addition by baptism are Concord and Newhope 31, and Centerville 7, Concord has 2 Sabbath Schools in the bounds of the church and are all temperate men. Centerville church has a flourishing Sabbath School, and her members are temperate; the Sabbath School in the boundary of Newhope Ch. died for want of competent teachers and superintendents, the members of this church are generally temperate men. In this County (Mc Donough) there is about 100 members in the Temperance Society."

The Committee would gladly extend this report so as to embrace each missionary, but this would swell it to an unreasonable size, and rather fatigue than inform its readers—Enough has already been exhibited, to show that the labours of the Society are successful to an encouraging degree, and that the great field open before them, invites to renewed zeal in cultivating its ample surface.

The imperfections of the returns from some of the missionaries, prevent an accurate statement of the results during the past year. The following may be considered within the limits of truth as being the direct labours of persons commissioned by your Committee.

Sermons Preached,	-	-	-	-	15,000
Numbers Baptized,	-	-	-	-	1,600
Churches Constituted,	40
Years of Missionary service performed, and added together,	-	-	-	-	55
Sabbath Schools formed	-	-	-	-	50
Bible Classes, do.	-	-	-	-	10
Temperance Societies, do.	-	-	-	-	40
Mission Societies, do.	-	-	-	-	12
Associations,	-	-	-	-	3

By Order of the Executive Committee.

JONATHAN GOING,

Cor. Sec. A. B. H. M. S.

CIRCULAR.

To the Associations, Churches, and benevolent individuals, of the Baptist Denomination in the United States.

CHRISTIAN SALUTATION,

Beloved Brethren,—Indulge the Executive Committee of the A. B. H. M. Society, in presenting to you the following facts and appeal. This Committee are of opinion, that only a very inadequate idea exists among the churches of the vast amount of destitution of the preaching of the gospel within the limits of the denomination, and throughout the country, and they are desirous that the facts in the case should be before them. It is, then, a fact, that the number of our ministers is but little more than one half of the number of our churches—that only about one half these ministers devote themselves exclusively to the work of the ministry—that a great proportion of these ministers would gladly preach the gospel all the time, if they could be relieved from the necessity of labouring in some secular employment for the support of their families—that around these churches are multitudes of souls almost totally destitute of preaching. To whom these ministers would be able and disposed to publish salvation, if they were assisted in doing it. While there is so much destitution of the saving knowledge of the truth, infidelity is becoming rife and unblushing in various sections of the country—error in its multiform character is propagated—here, the Son of God is shorn of the glory of his divine honours—there, the efficacy of baptism is substituted for the merits of the atonement, and the influence of the Holy Spirit. By some, the power of free will is made to supersede the invincible grace of God; others rely on a sound creed and cold orthodoxy, while the weightier matters of the moral law are neglected; while not a few rest in the groundless assumption that all men will be saved. And worse than all, perhaps, popery is rapidly on the increase. It seeks to retrieve in America what it has lost in Europe. While its nature is really and professedly immutable, its outward form isameleon, and with jesuitical cunning and adroitness adapts itself to all changes of circumstances. It is a system of despotism exerted over the bodies and souls of its votaries, and can never be made to agree with republicanism. Its ascendancy in this country would produce a change in the form of our government, effecting the demolition of our free institutions. It should, also, be considered, that it already includes a tenth part of our free population, and that its ranks are rapidly filling up, chiefly by emigration from Europe,—that the provinces and states on our Northern and Southern borders, and all South America, are catholic—that its resources in men and money in the catholic states of Europe, are immense—and that the Valley of the West is the chosen field of its operations. One fact more we present in this connexion,—that many of the collateral means of moral improvement, which are usually powerful auxiliaries to the gospel, are to an alarming degree wanting in extensive sections of the country. Schools are too few in number, and often very deficient in quality, so that multitudes of the youthful population are growing up without the general information necessary for good citizens and good christians.

Facts like these led to the origination of the A. B. H. M. Society, and a more full knowledge of them has deepened the conviction of its importance. Are the nature and design of the Society understood? It seeks no dominion over the faith, nor interference with the independence of the churches, but simply to promote their prosperity by aiding in the preaching of the gospel more fully through the country, in employing the voluntary contributions of the benevolent to assist ministers, the most of whom reside in the regions they are to occupy, to preach more frequently, more extensively, and with less embarrassment—to secure to the churches, now infrequently supplied with preaching, and without pastoral labour, the benefit of weekly religious instruction, and the faithful oversight of pastors who care for their souls, and those of their children and neighbours, so that they may be enabled and disposed in future, to provide these advantages for themselves. In a word, the Society aims not to assume the duty of the church to support the gospel, but simply *to help them to help themselves*. The operations of the Society, though of recent origin, and its funds limited, have been considerable. From the foregoing Report, you will learn that 83 Missionaries and ministers have been employed—that it has aided in 55 years preaching directly, while 145 years more have been supported by other societies in the denomination of kindred character, and many of them auxiliary to the Society—in the formation of 3 Associations, the planting of 40 churches, the hopeful conversion of 2000 souls, and the baptism of 1600 persons,—besides the establishment of 40 Sunday Schools, the distribution of thousands of bibles and tracts, and the general promotion of the cause of Christ and of human happiness. While all true christians will rejoice in what good has been done, it is obvious that the operations of the Society ought to be greatly increased. Why may it not be done? Assuredly, there are hundreds of good men ready to enter the field and reap the harvest, when the funds are provided for their support while they are doing it. It is equally certain that there are thousands of dollars in the hands of our brethren, who hold it only as God's stewards, which might be appropriated precisely in this way, without injury to themselves or families, or to other objects of christian benevolence. What then is wanting? Information of the actual state of the case, liberality and system in giving, and prayerful dependence on God's blessing.

The Committee have adopted measures by which the press shall be made to essentially aid the cause by spreading weekly before the public interesting facts, and a continuous history of their measures, with their ascertained results. They are determined to omit no efforts to secure the services of additional agents, so essential to the collection of funds. It is desirable, that every church, especially in the northern and middle states, should be annually visited, and kindly, but earnestly, invited to co-operate in this work of benevolence, patriotism and piety. These agents are performing an important and most necessary work, but one at the same time, the most self-denying, and the most thankless, but for the consideration of its usefulness to men, and acceptableness to the Head of the church. Allow us, dear brethren, to anxiously inquire, How will you receive these agents? Will you call them beggars, suspect their motives, and send them

away empty-handed? Or, will you receive them as becometh saints, as the collectors for your Lord's treasury, the messengers of the church, and the glory of Christ? Will you not by your liberal contributions cheer their hearts, strengthen the hands of the Committee, and bless the poor saints, the few sheep in the wilderness?

Our friends ought also to consider that the Home Mission enterprise is not the work of a single year: the Society have entered on a campaign which will continue for a century. Hence is seen, the necessity of adopting systematic measures in all the churches, to secure an annual contribution for the purpose, and as far as may be, without the time and expense of agents: at least, that there shall be less need of "gatherings when they come" among you. The necessary apparatus is now prepared, and with the blessing of God, our future success may be expected to correspond with the amount of means placed at the disposal of the Committee.

Another thing, which is vitally important to the success of the work, is that a number of talented, pious ministers, who are ready to make sacrifices and endure hardships as good soldiers, should go to occupy the rising cities, towns, and villages in the Valley. It is reasonable to believe, that many such would be vastly more useful than they can be in the east; and it is obvious, that every man is bound to do the most good in his power. We ask such whether they do not hear the Macedonian cry, "come over and help us?" Whether they can be guiltless, if they leave these sheep in the wilderness to perish? Whether they are not imitating the example of him who denied that he was his brother's keeper, if they shut their eyes to sufferings of their western brethren, and close their ears against their imploring cries for help? Whether a time will not come, when they will lament their preference of a comfortable settlement in the old states to the hardships and privations of the new one?

We call on all our brethren and friends, to remember that God claims as his, the gold and the silver, and the cattle upon a thousand hills, and that he expects his stewards to be found faithful. We ask them, whether there is no danger that this gold and silver will become cankered? Whether it is not possible that money may perish with its possessor? Whether they could have better security for their funds than the promises of God, or better interest than his blessing? We appeal to the powerful principles of philanthropy, and love of country, and love to Christ and his cause, and beseech them to aid us in the great work in which we are engaged—to share with us in the labour on earth, and the gracious reward in heaven.

Finally, we entreat the church to pray more for Home Missions. Until the christian community were induced to pray often and fervently for Foreign Missions, comparatively little was done; but when that cause became a subject of prayer, and the monthly concert was generally attended, prosperity crowned the enterprise. So it will be with Home Missions. Brethren, we beseech you to pray for this object in your closets, at your family altars, and in your public services. Why should not the 1st Monday in every month be observed in part as a Home Missionary Concert? Very many and very great interests are involved in the success of missions in our country: a larger number of Missionaries are here employed than in all the heathen wor-

the number ought to be increased twenty fold; and we are persuaded that no christian patriot will consider missions at home inferior in importance to missions abroad.

Dear brethren, pray for the Committee, that they may possess prudence and energy,—for the Missionaries, that they may be faithful and successful,—for the Agents, that they find the churches, as in primitive times, willing of their own accord, and ready of themselves, to make certain contributions for the poor saints,—for the universal effusion of the Holy Spirit, that the church may be at peace and enjoy prosperity, and that sinners may be converted in multitudes. The wisdom of men is folly, and human strength is weakness; without Christ we can do nothing; but power belongeth unto God, and the zeal of the Lord of Hosts will perform all his pleasure.

We close by repeating the injunction of the apostle: to do good and to communicate, forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased. May the blessings of those ready to perish come on you.

In behalf of the Executive Committee,

J. GOING, *Cor. Secretary.*

May, 1834.

BAPTIST HOME MISSION LABOURS IN NORTH AMERICA

FOR THE PAST YEAR.

NOTE.—Some of these bodies are auxiliary to the A. B. H. M. S. and others are not. Perfect accuracy is not attempted in this schedule, but we have used the best information in our possession.

	Churches aided.	Number of Mis- sionaries.	Years of Labor.
American Baptist Home Mission Society.....		90	55
New-York State Convention.....	22	26	35
Massachusetts State Convention.....	12	6	15
Massachusetts Baptist Missionary Society.....	4	2	3
Pennsylvania Missionary Society.....	8	12	15
Michigan Missionary Society.....	2	2	3
Virginia General Association	6	10	12
South Carolina Convention, and other societies in that state	6	6	8
Georgia Convention.....		6	4
North Carolina Convention.....		12	6
Alabama Convention.....		3	2
Tennessee Convention.....		2	1
Kentucky Convention.....		10	6
Ohio Convention.....		8	6
Indiana General Association.....		2	1
Union Association, Indiana.....		2	1
Franklin Do. Missouri.....		2	1
Louisiana Missionary Society.....		1	1
New Jersey Convention.....	6	8	8
Rhode Island Convention.....	3	2	4
Vermont Convention.....	6	4	5
New Hampshire Convention.....	6	2	4
Maine Convention.....	8	8	8
New-York Representative Mission Society.....	4	2	4
Connecticut Convention.....	8	1	6
Various other Societies and Churches.....	10	5	10

Thus making a total of 354 Ministers, who have been assisted or supported in preaching during the year. In which period, they have undoubtedly preached more than 50,000 sermons, constituted 80 to 100 churches; baptized several thousand converts, in addition to all the aid they have rendered in the circulation of the Bible and Tracts—to the Sabbath School and temperance causes—to conference, prayer and church meetings—and in visiting thousands of families for religious conversation. While the whole amount of their labours added together gives more than 220 years of missionary effort, at an expense of about \$45,000, being only about nine cents to each of the members of our denomination for spreading the gospel at HOME.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

American Baptist Home Missionary Society, in Account with William Colgate, Treasurer, Dr.

Paid Missionaries and Agents, as per Vouchers,	\$ 8,145 16
" For Printing, Postage, Stationary, Rent, Secretary, &c.	1,333 87
" For Drafts due in September, 1834,	1,965 25
Balance due Treasurer,	36 33
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	\$11,480 61

American Baptist Home Mission Society, in Account with William Colgate, Treasurer, Cr.

1833.

May	8.	By Balance in the Treasurer's hands this day,	\$3667 76
		" Peter P. Runyon, New Brunswick,	5 00
		" Aaron B. Meeker, New Jersey,	5 00
		" J. C. Welch, Burlington, New Jersey,	2 00
	10.	" Collection at the Annual Meeting in Mulberry-st. M. H.	37 44
Jun.	14.	" Deacon Burge, Perth Amboy,	1 00
	18.	" Rev. W. Hutchinson, to constitute himself a L. M. in part,	19 00
	21.	" Cairo Baptist Church, Broome County, N. Y.	16 50
		" Second Baptist Church, Brooklyn, N. Y.	4 00
	28.	" Ezekiel Archer, New York city,	3 00
July	6.	" Thomas Cooper, Eatonton, Georgia,	50 00
Aug.	7.	" Baptist Church, Lynn, Mass. to constitute Rev. Daniel Cheese-man, L. D per Rev. J. Going,	100 00
		" F. P. Browning, Detroit, first payment towards L. D. per Rev. J. Going,	10 00
		" Church in Middleton, Ct. (in addition,)	87 30
	12.	" Female members of the Bapt. Ch. in Edgefield village, to constitute their minister, Rev. W. B. Johnson, L. M. per M. Goodwin,	30 00
	24.	" Female Mite Society of Perry, N. Y.	10 00
Sept.	6.	" Collection at the Union Association in N. Y. after a ser- mon, per Rev. A. Maclay,	27 55
		" Church in North Salem,	25
		" First Church in Fishkill,	8 00
		" Moneys sent to the Association from different Churches not specified, per A. Maclay,	18 00
	11.	" Friend, per Rev. W. Metcalf,	2 00
	13.	" P. G. G.	2 00
		" Rev. E. Rodgers, Mo. to constitute himself a L. M.	30 00
Nov.	2.	" Baptist Church, in Perry, Genesec Co. N. Y. per Elder H. Davies,	

Nov.	4.	By Baptist Convention in the State of Connecticut, per J. Brown, Treasurer,	\$ 600 00
	9.	" Old Colony Baptist Miss. Society, Ms. to constitute E. Briggs, L. M.	30 00
	20.	" Baptist Convention of the State of Vermont, per J. Conant, Treasurer,	100 00
Dec.	4.	" Church in Amenia, Dutchess County, per Rev. W. Hutchinson,	13 00
	27.	" Baptist Convention of the State of New-York, per C. Babcock, Treasurer,	1000 00
1834.			
Jan.	3.	" Shelburn Church, Franklin Co. Mass. per C. Alden, Treasurer, from the hands of H. Lincoln,	2 00
		" Widow Susa. Hobart, Ashburnham, Mass. p. H. Lincoln,	50 08
		" Evangelical Benevolent Ass. of Westfield, p. D. Wright Treasurer, from H. Lincoln,	13 82
		" Mr. and Mrs. Wynn, Tingsborough, Mass. by W. G. Trask, by the hands of H. Lincoln,	4 00
	25.	" T. Spaulding, Chelmsford, Mass. p. Rev. J. Parkhurst, remitted p. H. Lincoln,	2 00
		" S. Fish, Chester, Mass. p. S. Root, remitted p. H. Lincoln,	1 00
		" Randolph, Mass. Male Primary Society, p. do	14 75
		" do do Female do p. D. Alden, p. do	1 25
Feb.	3.	" Baptist Church in Foxborough, Ms. to constitute their Pastor, T. C. Tingley a L. M.	30 00
Mar.	6.	" Young Men's Baptist Miss. Society, 2d Church Prov. R. I.	20 00
		" Catskill Baptist Miss. Society,	25 00
		" Young Men's Baptist Miss. Society, N. Y. in part of \$1000.	46 32
Mar.	28.	" Joel Richards, Claremont, N. H. to constitute him a L. M. to be applied in the suppression of Popery in the Valley of the Mississippi.	50 00
	31.	" Deacon L. Penfield, Savannah, a legacy, p. H. O. Wyer, at the hands of Heman Lincoln,	1250 00
		" The following from Rev. J. Going's account, viz.	
1833.			
Aug.	22.	" Three individuals, Holden, Mass. \$1 each,	300
		" Baptist Church, Holden, Mass. to constitute the Rev. Appleton Belknap, L. M.	30 00
Sept.	5.	" Mrs. E. Rodgers, Providence, R. I.	6 00
	10.	" Charles-st. Church, Boston, p. Lincoln and Edmands, balance of subscription,	4 10
		" Baptist Church, Beverley, Mass. to constitute the Rev. T. Aldrick, L. M.	35 00
		" Baptist Church, Framingham, Mass. to constitute the Rev. Charles Train, L. D.	106 75
		" Rev. J. Parkhurst to constitute himself L. M.	30 00
		" Salisbury and Amesbury Church, Mass. to constitute the Rev. Elijah Foster, L. D. (in addition)	70 00
		" Baptist Church, East Cambridge, Mass. to constitute the Rev. J. W. Donallen, L. M.	30 00
		" Third Baptist Church, Middleboro, Ms. bal. of subscript.	7 50
	23.	" Josiah Wenham, U. Canada,	5 00
Oct.	5.	" Mrs. Ellis, by Rev. C. G. Sommers, to constitute Henry Mackaness, L. M. (in addition),	20 00
		" Mrs. J. Fellows, p. Rev. C. G. Sommers,	5 00
	17.	" Rev. J. Peck, Agent of the B. M. Convention, N. Y.	100 00
Nov.	10.	" Collection in the Sixth Bapt. Church, Cincinnati, Ohio,	26 40
	11.	" do and subscription, Enon Church, Cincinnati, of which \$60 are to constitute Rev. Adoniram Judson, and Rev. J. Wade, Life Members,	90 00
	17.	" Collection at Louisville, Kentucky,	11 00
Dec.	2.	" Subscription at Frankfort, Kentucky,	26 50
1834.			
Apr.	8.	" Minister's Meeting, Columbia Co. N. Y. to constitute Rev. Samuel Purnoy, L. M.	30 00

Apr. 14.	" Baptist Church, Worcester, Mass.	\$ 21 00
"	do do do for H. M. Sabbath Schools, .	6 20
	Received of Rev. J. C. Murphy, Agent, as per his report,	2560 28
	Received of Rev. Ezra Going, Agent, as per his report, .	2376 39
"	Balance,	36 33
		<hr/> \$11480 61 <hr/>

New York, May 1, 1834.

The undersigned, a committee appointed to audit the Account of William Colgate, Treasurer, do hereby certify, that they have examined the same, and carefully collated the vouchers therefor, and find the above in all respects correct. Dated this 7th day of May, 1834.

TIMO. R. GREEN, }
W. WINTERTON, } *Auditing Committee.*

Received on account of the American Baptist Home Mission Society, since the Treasurer's Account was made up, on the 1st of May.

May 1.	Rev. B. Jacobs, from Mass. Miss. Society,	300 00
	do contributed by Miss Lucy Swain and others, members of the Congregation, meeting in Federal-st. Boston, for the support of a Missionary in the Valley of the Mississippi one year, and to constitute the Rev. J. Brown a Life Director,	100 00
	Thomas Cooper, Eatonton, Ga. to constitute him a Life Director, at the hands of Mr. J. Clark,	50 00
3.	Rev. A. Perkins of Dr. Hammond, Dover, Ds. Co.	3 00
	do J. Ketchum, Esq. do	5 00
	do Self, do	5 00
	Second Baptist Church and Congregation in Boston, to constitute their Pastor, Rev. B. Stow, Life Director,	117 00
5.	Oliver Starkweather, Esq. Pawtucket, L. M.	30 00
	Pawtucket Baptist Church and Society, in part to constitute the Rev. John Blain, Life Director,	53 56
8.	P. P. Runyon, Esq. New Brunswick,	5 00
	Collection at the Annual Meeting in Mulberry-st. Chh.	59 39
12.	Rev. E. Going, Agent,	398 33
13.	N. Y. Baptist State Convention, p. Rev. J. Peck,	300 00
14.	Female in Oliver-st. p. Rev. S. H. Cone,	5 00

To Rev. J. GOING, Cor. Sec. of the A. B. H. M. Society,

SIR,—The following is an account of moneys collected for the Society, on my agency, from Jan. 1, 1833, to April 30, 1834.

1833. Received from Churches at the following places:

Jan. 1. Hartford, Ct. to constitute Rev. G. F. Davis, Life Dir. \$107 90	July 7. Brookfield, Ms. to const. Rev. B. Manning, L. M. 40 26
Feb. 3. Canton, Ct. 8 37	" 14. Sutton, Ms. in part, to con. Rev. John Walker, L. M. 28 78
" 8. Bristol, Ct. to const. Rev. Henry Stanwood, L. D. 100 00	" 21. Webster 42 26
" 17. Weston, Ct. to constitute Rev. Nathun Wildman, L. D. 100 00	" 28. Leicester, on two occasions 21 71
" 17. Stratfield, Ct. to con. Rev. James H. Linsley, L. D. with \$76 55 paid treas. State Con. 25 45	Aug. 4. Ward 27 75
" 17. S. Gladding, New-Haven 1 00	" 21. Templeton 12 50
" 24 Wallingford, Ct. 6 00	" 28. Brookfield S. School 75
" " Meriden, " 48 06	Nov. 15. South Reading, Ms. per Treas. of Mass. Miss. Society 10 00
Mar. 13. Ashford, " 20 75	" 21. Wells, Maine 17 25
" 17. Willington, " to constit. Rev. S. S. Mallery, Life Mem. 50 90	" 24. Portland, Me. in part, to con. Rev. J. S. Maginnis, L. D. 76 50
" 20. Third church in Ashford 2 00	" 28. North Yarmouth, Me. to con. Rev. John Butler, L. M. 32 75
" 22. West Woodstock, Ct. to con. Rev. G. B. Atwell, L. M. 40 55	Dec. 1. Augusta, Maine 9 04
April 7. 2d church, Woodstock 22 52	" 8. Waterville, Maine 30 03
" 7. Mrs. A. Parker, Stur- bridge, Ms. 25c. Miss Rachel Higgins, \$1 00 1 25	" 12. 3 persons Tuttle's Mills 2 50
" 24. Thompson, Ct. to const. Rev. James Grow, L. M. 33 25	" 14. Newport, Maine 2 77
" 14. Wales, Ms. 11 99	" 17. Bangor, Maine, in part, to support a missionary annually 40 49
" 14. Holland, " 3 41	" 22. 2d church in Hampden 16 22
" 28. Suffield, Ct. 43 31	" 24. 1st do. do. 5 65
May 1. Colebrook, " 7 00	" 27. Cong. ch. in Bucksport 24 61
" 3. Amenia, N. Y. to const. Rev. Wm. Hutchinson, L. M. 13 50	" 27. Deacon Henry Darling, Bucksport in part for L. M. 15 00
" 5. Poughkeepsie, N. Y. 18 54	" 27. A few friends in Orland 10 17
" 19. Fishkill, " 10 31	" 29. Bluehill, in part, to con. Rev. James Gillpatrick, L. D. 91 83
" 20. Dover, " 6 00	" 29. 1st church in Sedgwick 22 28
" 30. Isaiah Spalding, Chelms- ford, Ms. to con. himself L. M. 30 00	" 30. 2d do. do. 10 75
June 6. Westboro, Ms. in addi- tion, to constitute Rev. William Bowen Life Member 29 50	1834.
" 6. Rev. A. Lamson, South- boro, Ms. 1 00	Jan. 5. Ellsworth, in part, to con. Rev. Peter Nurse, pastor of Congregational church, L. D. 70 65
" 9. Mansfield, Ct. 11 32	" 14. 1st ch. in Thomastown 19 50
" 11. Willimantic, " 7 50	" 15. 2d do. do. 18 16
" 12. 2d ch. Saybrook, Ct. to con. Rev. P. Brockett, L. M. 30 00	" 16. Warren 41 20
" 12. Conn. Bap. S. S. Soc. 107 00	" 19. Nobleboro, to constitute Rev. Phinchas Pillsbury, L. M. 29 37
" 12. J. B. Ballard, \$5 00. L. Meach, \$2. A. Gates, \$1. E. Roberts, \$1. Four persons, \$2 11 00	" 21. Woolwich 3 50
" 14. Norwich, Ct. 9 02	" 23. Bath, to constitute Rev. S. Stearns, Life Member 36 75
" 15. Waterford, Ct. to const. Rev. Francis Darrow, L. M. 40 00	" 25. Topsham, in part, to con. Rev. Messrs. Sam. Fogg, No- ah Norton, and J. Hawes, L. M. 62 23
" 15. New-London, Ct. 87 61	" 26. Brunswick, in part, to con. Rev. B. Titcomb, Life Member 17 00
" 19. Hopkinton, R. I. in addi- tion, to con. Rev. Matthew Still- man, L. M. 18 22	" 27. Freeport 6 41
" 19. Stonington Association 36 06	Feb. 2. So. Berwick, in addition, to con. Rev. Jos. Ballard, L. D. 94 00
" 23. Sturbridge, Ms. 37 49	" 2. Somnerworth, N. H. 20 55
" 23 Rev. E. Going to constitute himself a Life Member 30 00	" 3. Portsmouth, N. H. 7 84
" 30 Southbridge, Ms. 32 16	" 3. Two individuals 1 00
	" 7. Mrs. Farwell and daugh- ter, Chelmsford, Ms. 1 62
	" 16. Belchertown and Palmer, in part, to constitute Rev. D. Pease, Life Member 10 26
	" 17. Belchertown 4 12

Feb 18. Amherst	1 25	April 12. Pawtuxet, Sam. Wight-	
" 25. Worcester, Ms. to const.		mon, \$1. Lydia Smith, 50c.	1 50
Rev. Jonathan Going, L. D.	100 00	" 12. Warwick and Coventry	4 50
Mar. 2. 1st ch. Providence, R. I.	180 75	" 12. Apponang, R. I.	9 87
" 2. 2d do. do. do.	45 00	" 15. Wickford	5 94
" 2. 3d do. do. do.	19 67	" 16. North Kingston . . .	6 50
" 2. 4th do. do. do.	10 00	" 16. East Greenwich . . .	2 00
" 4. Pawtucket, in part, to con.		" 20. Newport, 1st church . .	1 57
Rev. John Blain, Life Director	46 44	" 20. Newport, 2d do. . . .	21 37
" 5. Valley Falls	28 98	" 20. Newport, 3d do. . . .	2 75
" 16. Seaconk, to const. Rev.		" 20. Newport, 4th do. . . .	5 84
H. Clark, Life Member . . .	46 18		<u>\$2878 29</u>
" 23. Warren, in part, to const.		Of this sum I have paid to the	
Rev. J. C. Welch, Life Director	49 12	A. B. H. M. S. through the	
" 23. Warren Ladies' Sewing		Treas. of the Ct. Bap. Con.	501 90
Society for do.	40 00	The balance I have paid to W.	
" 23 Compton Mills, from Julia		Colgate, Esq. Treasurer	2376 39
A. C. Titus, Treasurer of Juve-			<u>\$2878 29</u>
nile Missionary Society . . .	4 00		

EZRA GOING, Agent.

REV. AND DEAR SIR,

New-York, May 3, 1834.

The subscriber begs leave to report to the Executive Committee of A. B. H. M. Society, the following sums which have been paid to him to aid in the promotion of the benevolent objects which the Society is earnestly solicitous to accomplish, viz.

1833. Received from the Churches in the following places :

Feb. 4. Catskill, New-York . . .	10 12	Sept. Saratoga Springs . . .	30 00
" 4. Athens, do.	5 00	Oct. 27. West Troy	34 00
" 7. Hudson, do.	13 50	Nov. 6. Utica, by Messrs. Bennet	
" 12. Albany, do.	172 50	& Bright	9 75
" 17. Troy, do.	113 50	" 9. Hamilton	31 00
" 21. Lansingburg, do. . . .	12 07	" 15. Galway	31 00
" 21. West Troy, do.	1 62	" 18. Broadalbin	46 21
" 25. Schenectady, do. . . .	42 37	" 25. Lattingtown	8 00
" 25. Coxsackie, do.	7 25	Dec. 16. Newton, New-Jersey .	1 00
Mh. 4. Kingston, do.	34 29	" 16. Hardiston, do.	1 87
" 17. Orange, do.	33 76	" 22. Paterson, do.	59 99
" 28. 1st Wantage, N. Jersey	45 25	" 30. Newark, do.	45 86
" 28. Hamburg, do.	4 00	1834.	
" 28. Warwick, do.	21 94	Jan. 9. Lyons Farms, do. . . .	8 73
Ap. 17. Oliver-st. New-York . .	280 50	" 15. Scotch Plains, do. . . .	32 00
" 17. Mulberry-st" do.	124 25	" 17. Plainfield, do.	24 20
" 23. South ch. do.	196 62	" 19. Samptown, do.	20 03
" 23. Amity-street, do. . . .	84 50	" 30. Piscataway, do.	40 46
May 8. New-Market-st. Philad.	35 50	" 30. New-Brunswick, do. . . .	36 00
" 20. Bethel ch. New-York . . .	14 12	" 30. Rahway, do.	50
" 20. North ch. do.	3 00	Feb. 16. Upper Freehold, do. . .	13 08
" 30. 1st ch. 2d st. Philadelphia	65 25	" 23. Middletown, do.	45 00
June 13. Warwick Association . .	2 49	Mar. 2. Pemberton, do.	9 97
July 5. 1st ch. Spruce st. Phil.	140 00	" 2. Mount Holly, do.	29 86
" 5. Blockley, Pa.	14 25	" 9. Salem, do.	30 00
" 5. 2d ch. Philadelphia	34 50	" 18. Bridgeton, Cum. co. do.	61 10
" 5. Central, do.	4 07	" 23. Cohansey, N. Jersey . . .	65 66
" 5. 5th do.	105 50	" 23. Trenton, do.	5 50
Aug. 29. Milton, N. Y.	30 00		<u>\$2599 20</u>
Sept. 1. Old Saratoga	9 50	Deduct for articles contributed	
" 5. Bottskill	16 09	and entered as money, (which	
" 7. Stillwater	30 44	were sold at a decrease of	32 62
" 12. Stephentown Association	50 50	Loss on notes of a brok. bk.	6 00
" 12. Sand Lake	6 12		<u>38 62</u>
" 15. Clifton Park	64 94		
" 16. Burnt Hills	29 77		<u>\$2560 58</u>
" 16. Kingston	10 25		
" 16. Queensberry	8 05		

REV. J. GOING, Cor. Sec.

JOHN C. MURPHY.

* In addition to the last item, the Mulberry-st. Church paid to Dr. Going \$116 75, making the sum total received from this Church \$241 00.

APPENDIX.

PLAN OF OPERATIONS.

1. It is a primary object with the Committee, *to obtain and disseminate information, respecting the actual moral condition of the country : particularly as to that of the Valley of the Mississippi, and more especially within the Baptist denomination.*

The means suggested for effecting this are,

1. Corresponding with men of intelligence and piety.
2. The procurement of minutes, and reports of State Conventions, or other religious bodies, and all documents containing religious statistics.
3. Public addresses by the Corresponding Secretary and other agents and missionaries of the society.
4. Through the press, by frequent publications in the periodicals under the charge of the denomination.

II. Measures will be pursued *to excite the entire Baptist community to systematic, liberal and vigorous action*, in efforts to meliorate the moral condition of the country, and to advance the spiritual prosperity of our denomination.

The numbers, intelligence, influence and wealth of our denomination allow, our duty and interest demand such increased action. The improvement of the churches at home, while it would preserve them from retrogradation and decay, would greatly enlarge our ability to aid in this and every other enterprise of religious charity.

III. The grand purpose of our organization will be steadily regarded,—*the preaching of the gospel to every creature in our country.*

Of the regular ministration of the gospel of life and salvation, a large portion of the people in the United States are destitute. Other denominations of Christians are making noble and successful efforts ; and we rejoice in their success, as far as they publish the great truths of the gospel. But the field is not less wide than it is “ripe already to harvest,” the reapers are few, and there is no reason to fear collision in so large a space of unevangelized territory. Many churches in the Atlantic states are without pastors, and there are in that region, promising fields of labour, as yet wanting alike churches and pastors. But the chief attention of the society at the present period, should undoubtedly be directed to the Valley of the West.

For its supply provision may be made—

1. By employing ministers of suitable qualifications who may be found now resident there, but who from the necessity of pursuing some secular avocation, do not as yet give themselves wholly to the work of the ministry.

2. By fixing from among our younger ministers, men of piety and talent, and who have enjoyed the advantages of education, in the cities and villages of the West, having a regard to the influence which each position may exercise, from its local advantages, commercial or literary, over the cause of religion and education in the surrounding country.

3. By encouraging experienced and influential ministers, of more advanced years, who may wish to emigrate from the Atlantic states westward ; and furnishing information and advice as to the most promising situations for extensive and lasting usefulness. A more equal distribution of the ministerial gifts vouchsafed to the church by its great Head should thus be sought. At present the same amount of members of Baptist churches have on the two sides of the Alleghany a very different ratio of pastors.

4. By establishing, as soon as may be, an agency or agencies in each state and territory. These, alike in diffusing and gathering intelligence, in their influence upon the churches, ministers and missionaries of their several states and territories and in the collection of funds, would, if wisely selected, prove the most efficient and economical instrumentality that could be employed.

5. By encouraging the reciprocal and friendly intercourse of the Western and Eastern Baptists, in the occasional visits of ministering brethren from the one to the other region of country.

IV. *A large amount of Funds is obviously needed*, among the indispensable means of our enterprise.

These should be sought in the following modes;

1. Through the medium of State Conventions and other local institutions for the support of Home Missions whose resources, together with those of this society, might be increased by the co-operation of the agents, or by employing a common agent.
2. Auxiliary societies, where necessary, should be formed.
3. The corresponding secretary will be called to travel as extensively as his other duties will permit, and to solicit collections.
4. The employment of other agents, temporary or permanent, will be required.
5. Churches may be requested to contribute by constituting their pastors life-directors or life members of this society.
6. Further efforts may be made in churches by personal application to each member, on the principle of our auxiliary associations, or otherwise, to procure annual contributions to our funds.
7. Churches are requested to sustain one missionary each, under appointment and direction of the Executive Committee, at an expense suited to their ability; in which case the correspondence of such Missionaries with their benefactors, will naturally tend to awaken and keep alive missionary feeling in the churches. So great is the difference in expense, that any annual sum from \$100 to \$500 would answer the purpose.
8. Ministers might also, once in each year, commend the object to their people delivering a discourse on the claims of the society.
9. Churches and congregations, benefited by aid from this society in supporting their pastor, may be stimulated to assist us, as God shall prosper them, as well by assuming at an early period the whole burden of supporting the ministry among themselves, as by contributing for the extension of similar benefits to other and more destitute neighbourhoods.

AUXILIARIES.

The Baptist Denomination has always suffered for want of some bond of union obviously proper among those who hold "one Lord, one faith, and one baptism." Home missions present the least objectionable basis for such a union; and it is hoped, that, at no distant period, one spirit may animate the thousands of our Israel in efforts for their common interest, and in the noblest labours of love for the good of souls ready to perish. One leading object in the establishment of the A. B. H. M. Society, was to combine, in one sacred brotherhood, all the friends of Domestic Missions in the denomination throughout the United States. It proposes, therefore, to all Baptist State Conventions, and other Baptist Domestic Societies, now existing, or which may hereafter be formed, the following terms of relationship.

STIPULATIONS

Between the Baptist Home Mission Society and its Auxiliaries.

It is the desire of the American Baptist Home Mission Society, in the prosecution of its great object of promoting the dissemination of the gospel in North America, not to supersede or to embarrass the operations of local societies, but on the contrary, to strengthen and stimulate them, giving to their labours greater facility and larger extension. To secure this object, they propose to the local and more limited Institutions a friendly correspondence and co-operation upon the following principles.

1. That each local society become auxiliary to this society, according to the 8th article of its constitution, by agreeing to place at the disposal of its Executive Committee, the whole of their income after defraying incidental expenses; Provided, however, that the whole, or any part of such income, that may have been reported to this society as subject to its order, be allowed to remain in the treasury of the auxiliary, if requested by their Board of Direction, for the payment of missionaries and agents as hereinafter stipulated.

2. This society shall allow the auxiliary the right to appoint, direct, and pay missionaries within their specified limits, to any amount not exceeding such income, so reported to be subject to the order of the Executive Committee of this society: Provided, that the appointment of missionaries by such auxiliary shall be in the manner following, viz: A sufficient number of blank commissions shall be furnished to

the auxiliary, signed by the chairman of the Executive Committee and the Corresponding Secretary of the Society, which shall be filled and countersigned by the proper officers of the auxiliary, and issued on their responsibility.

3. When the auxiliary shall report the income or receipts of the same to the Executive Committee of the Parent Society, with the request above mentioned, the committee shall direct the Treasurer to issue an order to the directors of the auxiliary to retain such sum for the payment of missionaries appointed and commissioned as above.

4. Should appropriations, beyond the income or receipts of an auxiliary be needed within their limits, they may be made directly by this society, or a specified sum may be committed to the auxiliary for the purpose.

5. Auxiliaries shall be governed in their appropriations by the same general principles which govern the appropriations of this society.

6. Agents for the collection of funds may be appointed by the Executive Committee of this Society, with the recommendation or consent of the auxiliary ; and all agents so appointed, shall report the amount of their collections both to this society and to the auxiliary ; and such agents shall receive their compensation from the auxiliary or this society, or both, in such proportions as shall be agreed on.

7. When societies become auxiliary according to the 7th article of the constitution of this society, a definite arrangement, where practicable, shall be made between this society and such auxiliary, as to the amount or proportion of the income or receipts which each shall receive.

It is understood that the Executive Committee of the American Baptist Home Mission Society engage to perform the above stipulations with auxiliary Societies: *Provided*, that the limits of such auxiliary societies be such as in their opinion, will facilitate the operations of this society ; *and provided also*, that such arrangement shall not be so construed as to debar this society from the liberty of co-operating, in the same manner, if desired, with any local society within the limits of an auxiliary, acting independently of such auxiliary, and, also, of appointing missionaries, and aiding churches in supporting ministers, within such limits, if deemed necessary.

FORM OF AUXILIARYSHIP.

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Be it remembered that the stipulations proposed by the American Baptist Home Mission Society to its Auxiliaries, were agreed to between the society and the

In witness whereof, we have subscribed our names,

Cor. Sec. of A. B. H. M. S.
Sec. of

PURPOSE OF STIPULATIONS.

“ 1. Wherever these stipulations are adopted, they will bring the influence of the parent society to act on its auxiliaries in the matter of raising funds, and thus a principle distinctly avowed in the formation of the society, will be most securely guarded, viz : *That it was intended to encourage efficiently all local efforts for supplying to the destitute the preaching of the gospel, without the least degree of interference with them.* On this plan the agent of each auxiliary will also be the agent of the parent society, and by aiming to be constantly advised of the operations and necessities of the latter, will be able to acquaint each congregation which he may address, with what the whole country is doing ; and the influence of example will be fully felt, while the general object, by being presented as *one and undivided*, will assume an importance as much superior to that exhibited by the separate claims of a local society, as the wants of a nation are more extensive than those of a single state or country : and it is found that when facts are presented as the ground of appeal, christians and patriots are disposed to contribute in proportion to the magnitude of the work, to be

accomplished by their beneficence. In this way the resources of each local society may be greatly increased by a connexion with the parent institution.

"2. By these stipulations, each auxiliary society is left to the independent and unembarrassed exercise of all its rights, in the business of appropriating its own funds to the relief of the needy within its limits, while it secures to itself the additional opportunity of counselling in the application of other appropriations made by the parent society within the same bounds. And this is an advantage which will be very gladly yielded to local societies, whose knowledge of the work to be done in their own limits, is in all cases, much more minute and particular than can be possessed through the medium of correspondence with the parent society.

"3. These stipulations, wherever they shall be adopted, will put it out of the power of the parent institution to contravene the wishes of those whose business it is to manage the affairs, and guard the purity of the churches in the different sections of our country. Where appropriations beyond the amount contributed by an auxiliary are needed in the district of that auxiliary, the parent Society will of course find it alike convenient and necessary to consult the wishes and avail itself of the counsels of its own auxiliary.

"The general Society thus claims but to be the servant of churches. It pretends to no ecclesiastical authority. It interferes not with the discipline or the peculiar views of doctrine, of any of our churches. The society has no charter and no funded property. It has its being only in the confidence and co-operation of the christian public; and should it ever, through unfaithfulness to its trust, cease to deserve these, its auxiliaries may withdraw their aid and the society ceases to exist.

"4. The effect of the whole plan, should it be universally acted upon by the churches, will secure the following advantages:

"It will prevent the interference and conflicting action of a number of independent societies, occupying portions of the same field, without concert of views and without harmony of feeling. The state conventions and other local societies, will be led to supply in the first instance their own destitute; while the general society, gathering strength from the resources of its auxiliaries, will be *the servant of all*, in conveying their surplus charities to the new and increasing fields of desolation in our frontier settlements. For this service the parent society, sustained by the co-operation here recommended, will possess peculiar advantages. Its office will be the centre of intelligence on the subject of Home Missions, and the medium through which the, numerous local societies may communicate with each other. And what gives life and energy to this whole system, is that the parent society, thus sustained, is enabled to employ permanent officers, and thus to be in effect, *constantly in session*. This is an advantage to which no local society can aspire but which is indispensable to the prompt and successful prosecution of missions, over a field so extensive and diversified, as yet remains to be occupied by christian zeal in this country.

"This plan is also suited to produce a uniformity of operation, and the missionaries of the auxiliaries being also the missionaries of the parent society, will be reported as such in an annual alphabetical list, with the appropriate designation of the local society which sustains them. Thus the influence of each auxiliary will be embodied, and an annual report presented, which will embrace the doings of all; and the local societies will not be regarded as rivals of each other, but as fellow labourers in the same field, and their missionaries as all belonging to the same family."

FORM OF CONSTITUTION]

Recommended for the adoption of Auxiliary Societies.

ART. I.—This Society shall be known by the name of the Baptist Domestic Missionary Society of _____, and shall be Auxiliary to the American Baptist Home Mission Society.

ART. II.—This Society shall be composed of such individuals as shall contribute annually to its funds, together with the members of the several Auxiliary Societies for Home Missions within its limits.

ART. III.—The officers of the Society shall be a President, Vice-President, a Treasurer, and a Secretary, to be chosen at the Annual Meeting. These officers, together with at least one person from each of its several Auxiliaries, shall con-

stitute a Board of Directors of whom five shall be a quorum at any meeting regularly convened.

ART. IV.—It shall be the duty of the Board of Directors to meet at the call of the President. They shall be authorized to appoint an Executive Committee, who shall adopt the most energetic measures in their power for the accomplishment of the objects of the Society, by collecting funds, disseminating intelligence, sending a deputation to all the annual meetings of their own Auxiliaries and of the Parent Society, and generally using all suitable means to excite and maintain an interest in the cause of Home Missions.

ART. V.—The annual receipts of the Society, after defraying incidental expenses, shall be paid over to the Treasurer of the Parent Society, with directions as to the section of country in which it shall be expended in missionary labours, should the Executive Committee deem it important to give such directions.

ART. VI.—The Society shall meet as often as called by the Directors, and annually, on the _____ of March, when the officers shall be elected; the accounts of the Treasurer, properly audited, shall be presented, and the annual report of the Executive Committee received, and at which meeting this Constitution may be amended by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

ART. VII.—A copy of the Constitution, authenticated by the Secretary, together with the names and the residences of the officers annually elected, and also a copy of each annual report shall be transmitted to the Corresponding Secretary of the American Baptist Home Mission Society.

THE THIRD REPORT
OF THE
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF THE
AMERICAN
BAPTIST HOME MISSION SOCIETY,
PRESENTED AT ITS
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CONSTITUTION

OF THE

AMERICAN BAPTIST HOME MISSION SOCIETY.

ARTICLE I. This Society shall be called the **AMERICAN BAPTIST HOME MISSION SOCIETY.**

ARTICLE II. The great object of the Society shall be to promote the preaching of the gospel in North America.

ARTICLE III. Any person may become a member of this Society by contributing annually to its funds; thirty dollars paid at one time shall constitute a member for life; one hundred dollars paid at one time shall constitute a director for life; and any person on paying a sum which, in addition to any previous contribution, shall amount to one hundred dollars, shall be a director for life; and any Baptist Church, or Association, or State Convention, or Missionary Society, that contributes annually to the objects of this Society, shall be entitled to be represented by one or more delegates, in its annual meetings.

ARTICLE IV. The officers of this Society shall be a President, Vice Presidents, a Treasurer, an Auditor, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, and fifty Directors, who shall be annually appointed by the Society.

ARTICLE V. The Officers and Life Directors shall appoint an Executive Committee of thirteen persons, including the Treasurer, the Corresponding Secretary, and the Recording Secretary, residing in the city of New-York and its vicinity, five of whom shall be a quorum at any meeting regularly convened. This Committee shall have power to appoint its own meetings, form its own rules of business, and fill any vacancies which may occur during the year, and convene special meetings of the Board and of the Society; shall appoint missionaries, and instruct them as to the field and manner of their labours; shall dispose of the funds for the objects of the Society, provided that all moneys contributed for any specific purpose shall be faithfully applied only to that particular object; shall create such agency or agencies for the appointment of missionaries and for other purposes as the interests of the Society may require; and shall make an annual report of their proceedings to the Society. All the Officers, Executive Committee, Agents and Missionaries of the Society shall be members of some regular Baptist Church, in general union with the body of that denomination.

ARTICLE VI. The Treasurer shall give bonds to such amount as the Executive Committee shall think proper.

ARTICLE VII. Any Baptist Missionary Society may become auxiliary, by agreeing to pay into the treasury of this Society the whole of its surplus funds, and sending to the Corresponding Secretary a copy of its constitution and annual reports, mentioning the names of its missionaries, and the fields of their operations.

ARTICLE VIII. Every Auxiliary Society which shall agree to pay the whole of its funds to this Society, shall be entitled to a missionary, or missionaries to labour in such field as it may designate, to an amount at least equal to that of its contributions: provided such designation be made at the time of payment.

ARTICLE IX. The officers of Auxiliary Societies shall be ex-officio Directors of this Society, and their members shall be members of this Society.

ARTICLE X. The annual meeting of the Society shall be held at such time and place, as the Society shall determine at a previous annual meeting.

ARTICLE XI. No alteration of this Constitution shall be made without an affirmative vote of two thirds of the members present at an annual meeting; nor, unless the same shall have been proposed at a previous annual meeting, or recommended by the Executive Committee.

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Constituted by the payment of one hundred dollars and upwards.

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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING.

RICHMOND, Va. May 4, 1835.

The Third Annual Meeting of the Society was held in the Meeting House of the First Baptist Church, at 10, A. M.

Hon. HEMAN LINCOLN, the President of the Society, occupied the chair. The services of the day were introduced with the singing of a hymn, and with prayer by Rev. W. B. Johnson, of South Carolina.

Delegates invited to a seat.

A few introductory remarks having been made by the President, the Annual Report was read by Rev. S. H. Cone, of New York, the Corresponding Secretary, Rev. J. Going, being prevented from the performance of that service by indisposition.

On motion of Rev. R. Fuller, of South Carolina, seconded by Professor Eaton, of New York, (the former of whom accompanied his motion with an address,)

Resolved, That the report now read be accepted, and published under the direction of the Executive Committee.

The Treasurer, W. Colgate, Esq. of New York, then read an abstract of his Annual Report, as examined and approved by the auditor, R. Graves, Esq. showing the receipts of the Society to have been \$8663 84, and its disbursements, \$8839 97, leaving a balance due the Treasurer of \$176 13.

The acceptance of this Report was moved by J. Bacheller, Esq. of Mass. and the motion seconded by Rev. Jesse Mercer of Georgia.

Rev. A. Maclay, of New York, then introduced to the meeting the deputation from the Baptists of England, Rev. F. A. Cox, of London, and Rev. J. Hoby, of Birmingham.

On motion of Rev. F. A. Cox, seconded by Rev. J. Hoby,

RESOLVED, That one fact evincing the paramount importance of Home Missions in this country is, that there are indications in Divine Providence; that the chief burthen, as to men and measures, in that great achievement of the church, *the conversion of the world to Christianity*, is to be sustained by two nations, Great Britain, and the United States of America; nations speaking the same language, sustaining to each other the relation of *mother and daughter*, and asserting, with a kindred spirit, the great claims of mental and religious freedom.

Addresses having been delivered by each of these brethren, Rev. S. H. Cone, at the request of the meeting, responded in its behalf to the communications made by them.

The meeting then adjourned to reassemble at 4 P. M., after prayer by the Rev. J. Kerr, of Virginia.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Society met according to adjournment. A hymn having been sung, prayer was offered by Rev. S. Chapin, of the District of Columbia.

A communication was read from the Corresponding Secretary

breathing an ardent desire for the prosperity of the Society, though prevented by ill health from sharing in the exercises of its anniversary.

On motion of Rev. Jesse Mercer, of Georgia, seconded by Professor J. S. Bacon of New York, the following resolution was adopted.

WHEREAS, The Baptist Convention of the State of New York voted, in aid of this institution, to raise the last year, *six thousand dollars*, and the present year, *ten thousand dollars*; therefore,

RESOLVED, That in the opinion of this Society it is the duty of our Churches in the several States, in these and similar modes, to contribute largely and promptly to the exhausted Treasury of the American Baptist Home Mission Society; and that at least the sum of **FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS** is this year needed by the Society, and is due from the Churches.

A Committee of nomination, consisting of Rev. D. Sharp, of Mass. A. Sherwood, of Ga., J. B. Taylor, of Va., G. S. Webb, of N. J., and Charles L. Roberts, of N. Y., was appointed to prepare a list of officers for the ensuing year.

The Society then adjourned after prayer, by Rev. N. W. Williams, of Mass.

EVENING SESSION.

The Society, pursuant to adjournment, reassembled at half past seven P. M. Hymn sung, and prayer made by Rev. N. Kendrick, of N. Y.

On motion of Rev. J. Peck, of N. Y.

RESOLVED, That a Committee of three be appointed to consider and report as to the importance of securing the co-operation of all the Home Mission Societies within our Churches in this country, so far as to obtain an annual report of their proceedings, so that the whole amount of Home Mission labour performed may appear in the Reports of this Society.

A Committee was accordingly appointed, consisting of the mover, Rev. W. F. Broadus, of Va., and J. H. Linsley, of Conn.

On motion of Rev. S. Chapin of the District of Columbia.

RESOLVED, That this Society deeply sympathize with their Cor. Secretary in his privation of the privilege of attending their meeting, and pray that he may soon be restored to his wonted vigour, and to the duties of his station.

It was then voted to proceed to the election of officers. The Committee of nomination presented a list of persons whom they recommended as officers of the Society for the ensuing year.

The persons named were accordingly, by vote, elected the officers of the Society for the year. It was then voted to suspend, for the present, proceedings as to the election of an Executive Committee.

On motion of Rev. J. Jeter of Virginia, seconded by Rev. Jesse Hartwell, of S. Carolina, the following resolution was adopted, both accompanying it with remarks.

WHEREAS, the sum annually paid to our Missionaries varies, according to the scene and character of their labours, from one hundred dollars upwards; and it is deemed an object of importance to interest our churches more generally in the Baptist Home Mission;

RESOLVED, That in the opinion of this meeting, our churches would greatly aid the cause of the Redeemer, were single churches to support one Missionary, under appointment by this Society, to be selected by

such church, and with whom the Society shall direct him occasionally to correspond.

This being the season of the Monthly Concert of Prayer for Missions, Rev. J. C. Harrison of New Jersey, was requested to offer prayer.

Rev. S. B. Smith, formerly a Romanist priest, made some statements to the meeting respecting his conversion.

After prayer by the Rev. J. H. Linsley, of Connecticut, adjourned to meet again on Tuesday, at 9 A. M.

TUESDAY MORNING, MAY 5.

The Society met pursuant to adjournment. Rev. C. C. P. Crosby of N. Y. was appointed Secretary pro tem. Singing of a hymn was followed with prayer by Rev. A. Sutton, missionary of the English General Baptists at Orissa, in the East Indies.

The Committee on the co-operation of Auxiliary and other Home Mission Societies in furnishing a general report of Home Mission labours, presented the following report:

The Committee appointed to consider the importance of securing the co-operation of State Conventions, Associations and Domestic Missionary Societies, beg leave to report—

Your Committee feel deeply the importance of bringing our denomination throughout the United States, to co-operate in the great work in which your Society is engaged; and as this object would be very essentially advanced by a regular correspondence between the several State Societies and the American Baptist Home Mission Society, they would recommend the following resolution:

Resolved, That all State, Conventions, Associations, and Domestic Missionary Societies of the Baptist denomination throughout the United States be, and they are hereby affectionately invited to associate themselves with the American Baptist Home Mission Society, at least so far as to send an annual report of their missionary operations, embracing the amount of Missionary labour, receipts, disbursements, &c. in order that all the efforts made in this cause may be reported annually in the minutes of the Home Mission Society.

All which is respectfully submitted,

JOHN PECK,
Chairman.

The report was accepted, and the Committee discharged.

The Society then made an intermission in their business, to allow the Officers and Life Directors to meet for the purpose of electing an Executive Committee.

An Executive Committee was accordingly chosen, making, with the officers elected at the evening session of the previous day, the following the managers of the operations of the Society for the ensuing year.

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 J. B. Halsted, of New-York.
 Jos. H. Marshall, of Tenn.
 Jeremiah Vardeman, of Missouri.
 Edward D. King, of Alabama.
 J. K. Griffin, of South Carolina.
 Thomas Stocks, of Georgia.
 J. Withers, of District of Columbia.
 V. M. Mason, of Virginia.
 Wm. Hooper, of North Carolina.
 Caleb Eldred, of Michigan Ter.
 Wm. Winterton, of New-York.
 James Lemen, of Illinois.
 E. Robinson, of Louisiana.
 Jarvis Ring, of New-Brunswick.
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 John Bowen,

J. Going,
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The Society then resumed its meeting :

RESOLVED, That when this Society shall finally adjourn, it do so, to hold its next annual meeting at such time and place as shall be appointed by the Executive Committee, the Committee being hereby instructed to give general and timely notice of such appointment.

— **RESOLVED**, That this Society give to the Executive Committee discretionary power to enlarge the duties of the Recording Secretary, and to make him a salaried officer, should such change at any time become necessary.

On motion of Rev. I. M. Allen of Pennsylvania, the following resolution was adopted :

WHEREAS the call for tracts in the Mississippi valley is constantly increasing ; and whereas the Board of Managers of the Baptist General Tract Society, are making special efforts to raise \$5000 for the distribution of their publications through the agency of the missionaries of the American Baptist Home Mission Society ; therefore,

RESOLVED, That the Baptist General Tract Society, formed with a view of efficient co-operation in this great department of Christian benevolence, and only waiting for the means to engage in the work with that energy and efficiency which the growing wants of the world require, is worthy of more general support than it has yet received ; and this body hereby earnestly and affectionately commend the Society to the prayers and liberality of our churches, that it may sustain a more prominent part in the great work of sending the gospel into the west, and of evangelizing the world.

On motion of Rev. J. Going, (who notwithstanding his feebleness had exerted himself to attend the present session,) seconded by Rev. J. H. Linsley, of Connecticut,

RESOLVED, That it be recommended to the churches to procure ~~pure~~ ~~wine~~, free from all alcoholic admixture, for the purposes of the communion.

On motion of Rev. N. Kendrick, of New-York,

RESOLVED, That the Executive Committee of this Society be requested to employ at least *six agents* the ensuing year, provided that suitable men can be obtained, to visit the different states composing this convention, to stir up a missionary spirit among the churches, and endeavour to raise the sum of \$50,000, as contemplated by a previous resolution of this Society.

On motion of Rev. J. M. Peck, of Illinois, seconded by Rev. A. Bennet, of New-York, agent of the Baptist Board of Foreign Missions,

RESOLVED, That from the obligation of the Christian to the Lord Jesus Christ,—the peculiar circumstances of our denomination, especially in the valley of the Mississippi,—the efforts now making by foreign influence to subvert our most sacred principles, and control our future destinies,—and the voice of Divine Providence from the four quarters of the globe for a more enlarged system of benevolent effort, our whole denomination in North America are held by the highest and most sacred bonds to desire most ardently, to pray most devoutly and constantly, to labour unremittingly, and to contribute bountifully, for Home Missions, till every church is provided with a pastor, every family brought under religious influence, every child sufficiently taught in the word of God; every town, village and settlement provided with gospel ministrations, every ordinance of the gospel restored to apostolical purity, every public and private vice eradicated, and every sinner converted.

Mr. Peck addressed the Society at length upon the condition and prospects of the West, and Mr. Bennett followed with remarks upon the need of personal effort, and a higher standard of piety, in order to sustain the cause of Home and Foreign Missions.

RESOLVED, That this Society will find its most efficient agents in men whom God has most largely blessed with success and influence as pastors; and that, in view of the cross of Christ and of the Christian's solemn consecration to Christ, it is becoming more and more the duty of churches and ministers to contemplate more closely than they have hitherto done the necessity of personal sacrifices for carrying on in this mode the operations of our various benevolent institutions.

On motion of Rev. Thomas Meredith, of North Carolina,

RESOLVED, That the Executive Committee be requested to prepare and publish a circular, setting forth the emergencies of the present peculiar occasion, so much calculated to elicit the benevolent effort of the churches during the present year.

On motion of Rev. J. Going.

RESOLVED, That in all our operations in which Roman Catholics are concerned, it is our duty to remember that they as men and citizens are entitled to all the rights and privileges held by others; and that in all our efforts to prevent the baleful influence of Romanism, our only weapons should be those of moral influence, and the chief thing to be attempted is, by prayer and the preaching of the gospel and kind offices, to seek, with the blessing of God, the conversion of the souls of Catholics to Jesus Christ.

RESOLVED, That the Executive Committee of this Society be instructed to furnish the delegation appointed by the Triennial Convention for Foreign Missions to visit the British churches with a suitable communication addressed to the Baptist Union in Great Britain.

On motion of Rev. S. Chapin,

RESOLVED, That the thanks of this Society be presented to the inhabitants of this city for their unremitting kindness to the brethren who have visited them on this occasion.

A vote having then been taken that the minutes be printed under the direction of the Executive Committee, the Society adjourned after prayer by Rev. J. Peck, of New-York.

C. C. P. CROSBY, REC. SEC. PRO TEM.

R E P O R T

OF THE

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE AMERICAN BAPTIST HOME MISSION SOCIETY.

THE close of the third year of the Society's operations demands from Executive Committee an expression of gratitude to the kind Director of events, that the lives of the Committee, and so far as its knowledge extends, of the numerous officers of the Society, have been preserved.

Two of their Missionaries, however, have fallen by death. Brother James Berry, of Ohio, was a good man, and devoted to the cause of his Master; but when, as a Missionary, he had formed his plans of operation, and fully entered on their execution, having organized two churches, and baptized seventeen persons, he was suddenly called to his final account.

Brother A. B. Freeman consecrated himself during the time of his studies, to the cause of the West. During the period of his labours in the service of the Society, in the northern section of Illinois, he aided in the formation of five churches. Of one of them, (the church in Chicago,) he was the beloved pastor. But in December last, he died of a fever, occasioned by fatigue, in one of his excursions into the country, to assist in organizing one of these churches. In the language of his dying message to his revered father, "he died at his post and in his Master's work," in the full vigour of youth, and with the apparent promise of years of usefulness, deeply lamented by the bereaved church, and the entire population of the place. Another Missionary, brother Edwin Bailey, has been called to bury his wife, as were brother J. E. Ambrose, of Illinois, and brother Jacob Price, of Michigan, during the preceding year. These women were useful, as helpers in the gospel. With the friends who suffer from these afflictive events, the committee deeply sympathize, and implore for them the rich consolations of the Gospel.

In view of the death of others, it becomes the living to inquire what measure of preparation they have made for rendering an account of their stewardship.

The Executive Committee deem it their duty to exhibit to the Society a view of their operations during the last year. The following table shows the names of Missionaries, the fields they occupy, the length of time for which they were appointed, and the amount of labour which they have performed.

	Missionaries.	Mission Districts.	Length of Appointment.	Labour perfd Months.
1.	S. R. Clark,	Valley of the Miami, Ohio,	12	12
2.	Gardner Bartlett,	Knox Co. Illinois,	12	12
3.	William Kenner,	Morgan, Illinois,	12	12
4.	Caleb Green,	Portage Co. Trumbull, Ohio,	12	12
5.	Hiram Gear,	Newark, Licking Co. Ohio,	12	12
6.	William Rees,	Carroll Co. Indiana,	12	12
7.	James B. Smith,	Louisiana,	12	12
8.	William Spencer,	Morgan Co. Illinois,	12	12
9.	John Logan,	Military Tract, Illinois,	12	12
10.	William Sedwick,	Muskingum Co. and vicinity, Ohio,	12	12
11.	Stephen Goodman,	Oakland Co. Michigan Territory,	12	12
12.	R. H. Benedict,	Oakland Co. and vicinity, Michigan T.	12	12
13.	Ezra Fisher,	Indianapolis, Indiana,	12	12
14.	Ezra Goings,	New England, Agent,	12	9
15.	Jacob Bower,	Morgan Co. Illinois,	12	12
16.	Elijah Dodson,	Green Co. Illinois,	12	12
17.	Alvin Bailey,	Carrollton and Bluffdale, Illinois,	12	12
18.	Moses Lemon,	Green Co. Illinois,	12	12
19.	Lewis Williams,	Franklin Association, Mo.	12	12
20.	James Williams,	Franklin Association, Mo.	12	12
21.	W. W. Tucker,	Howard Co. Mo.	12	12
22.	James G. Hall,	Western District, Tennessee,	12	12
23.	John C. Murphy,	Middle States, Agent,	12	12
24.	Amasa Clark,	Portage Co. Ohio,	12	12
25.	Peter Chare,	Lower Canada,	12	9
26.	William F. Misseldine,	Richland Co. Ohio,	12	12
27.	Jeremiah Vardeman,	Missouri,	12	12
28.	Ebenezer Rogers,	Fayette Co. Mo. and Alton, Illinois,	12	12
29.	David Orr.	Arkansas Territory,	12	12
30.	Henry J. Hall,	Lagrange Co. Indiana,	12	12
31.	A. B. Freeman,	Chicago, Illinois,	12	7
32.	Judah L. Richmond,	Jefferson Co. Ohio,	12	12
33.	William A. Bronson,	Washtenaw Co. Michigan Territory,	12	12
34.	J. V. A. Woods,	Logansport, Indiana,	12	12
35.	Daniel Palmer,	Adams Co. Indiana,	12	12
36.	Jacob Price,	Whitmanville, Michigan Territory,	12	12
37.	Kemp Scott,	Cooper Co. Mo.	12	12
38.	J. Morris,	Missouri,	12	
39.	Thos. P. Green,	South District, now at St. Louis, Mo.	12	12
40.	P. S. Gayle,	Missionary Agent, Tennessee,	12	12
41.	Asahel Chapin,	Ashtabula, Ohio,	12	12
42.	William Gambell,	Grand Blanc, and vicinity, Michigan T.	12	12
43.	John L. Richmond,	Madison Co. Indiana,	12	6
44.	Nathaniel Richmond,	Madison Co. Indiana,	12	6
45.	Samuel Harding,	Missionary Agent, Indiana.	10	10
46.	T. Curtis,	Indiana,	12	
47.	Joshua E. Ambrose,	Cook Co. Illinois,	12	12
48.	Jeremiah F. Tolman,	Cook Co. Illinois,	12	12
49.	Elihu Robinson,	Middle District, Tennessee,	12	3
50.	Eliphalet Williams,	Shelby Co. Indiana,	6	4
51.	Lewis Morgan,	Shelby Co. Indiana,	12	10
52.	William Kellett,	Arkansas Territory,	12	12
53.	Peter Lattimer,	Ohio,	12	
54.	William Geary,	Franklin, Upper Canada,	12	12
55.	Fielding Wilhoit,	Washington Co. Mo.	12	
56.	Thomas Fristoe,	Charitan Co. Mo.		

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57.	Thomas Bodley,	Lenawee Co. Michigan Territory,	12	12
58.	Joel Sweet,	Military Tract, Ill.	12	12
59.	John Clark,	Hancock and Adams Co.'s Illinois,	12	12
60.	Nathan West,	Fulton Co. Illinois,	12	12
61.	Ebenezer Loomis,	Michigan Territory, Agent,	12	12
62.	James Hovey,	Medina Co. Ohio,	12	12
63.	—— Jones,	Farmington and Bloomington, Ohio,	12	12
64.	John Peck,	State of New York, Agent, supported by State Convention,	12	12
65.	Robert Powell,	Clinton and vicinity, Michigan Territory	12	6
66.	R. Carpenter,	Plymouth and vicinity, Michigan T.	12	
67.	R. B. C. Howel, Pastor, sust'd by his ch. }	Nashville, Tennessee,	12	12.
68.	Bezaleel Hill,	Columbian, Loraine Co. Ohio,	12	11
69.	Frederic Freeman,*	Richland Co. Ohio,	12	12
70.	Thomas Conduit,	Western Shore, Maryland,	12	10
71.	Pharcellus Church,	New Orleans, Louisiana,	12	6
72.	Eber Crane,		12	
73.	Samuel Love,	Eastern District, Tennessee,	6	2
74.	James Kennon,	Eastern District, Tennessee,	6	5
75.	John Micou,	Western Shore, Maryland,	2	2
76.	Jesse M. Chapman,	Military Tract. Illinois,	12	2
77.	Jeremiah Burns.	Choctaw and Chickasaw country, Mi.	12	12
78.	Robert Turnbull,	Detroit, Michigan Territory,	12	6
79.	Jeremiah Hall,	Kalamazoo Co. Michigan Territory,	12	
80.	John Blodget,	Tennessee, Agent,	12	6
81.	William Hooper,	Alabama, Agent,	3	
82.	Rufus A. Lockwood,	Alabama,	12	6
83.	William Rees,	Brantford and vicinity, Upper Canada,	12	9
84.	George Matthews,	Dearborn Co. Indiana,	12	6
85.	John M. Peck,	Atlantic States, Agent,	12	
86.	Thomas Hill, Jr.	Jennings and Jefferson Co.'s, Indiana,	12	10
87.	Timothy Spalding,	State of Vermont, Agent,	12	2
88.	Amos Stevens,	Meigs Co. Ohio,	12	3
89.	Isaac T. Hinton,	Chicago, Michigan Territory,	12	
90.	A. P. Williams,	Washington Association, Mo.	12	5
91.	Hezekiah Lassiter,	Washington Association, Mo.	12	5
92.	Timothy R. Cressy,	Columbus, Ohio,	12	
93.	Joseph G. Binney,	Baltimore, Maryland,	12	3
94.	Jacob Morris,	Trumbull Co. Ohio,	12	2
95.	Benoni Allen,	Fayette and Green Co.'s, Pennsylvania	12	2
96.	William Richards,	Maryland,	12	

† Supported by R. R. Association.

By the preceding table, it appears that the Society has the following number of Missionaries or Agents, in the States or Territories respectively inserted, viz: In Upper Canada 2; in Lower Canada 1; in Vermont 1; in New-York 1; in Michigan Territory 12; in Ohio 16; in Pennsylvania 1; in Indiana 13; in Illinois 16; in Missouri 11; in Maryland 4; in Tennessee 7; in Alabama 2; Mississippi 1; Arkansas Territory 2; Louisiana 2; and that 4 are not so located as at present, to be confined in their operations to any State or Territory. Making together 96 Missionaries and Agents appointed by the Society.

The preceding table also exhibits the appointment of 93 years and 1 month of Missionary labour, and the performance of 68 years and 5 months labour during the year, which has now closed. The discrepancy between the statement of the labour appointed, and that which was performed, is accounted for by the fact, that many of the appointments were made at so late a period, that their respective times have not transpired.

The Committee, in the review of the operations of the last year, find much to excite gratitude to God for what he has enabled them to do for his cause, and much to fill them with regret that these operations have been so very inadequate to the demands made on them for aid to the destitute. Every passing year serves to deepen their conviction of the paramount importance of Home Missions, not only by showing more distinctly the immense amount of labour to be performed before the gospel is fully published throughout this great country, but also that this destitution is rapidly increasing, as the supply is not equal to the increase of our population. And the chief object of this report will be to impress the Society, and through them the religious community, with which they are connected, with the necessity of connected and systematic, and more vigorous efforts to promote Home Missions. This necessity will be seen in the consideration that the present responsibilities of the Society are at least twice the amount of the receipts during the year now ended, connected with the fact that the number of appointments must, of course, be considerably increased during the present year. Unless, therefore, the contributions to the Treasury shall be greatly augmented, the Society must become bankrupt, the hopes of the poor saints in the Valley which have been excited by its encouragement of aid, must be cruelly disappointed; the predictions of those who have stood aloof from the enterprise, will seem to be verified, and they will tauntingly say, "These men began to build and were not able to finish;" infidelity will triumph, and the open and secret enemies of the cause will rejoice.

But the Committee will not yield to despondency; they will not for a moment entertain the apprehension that the friends of Home Missions will prove recreant to the honour of their Master by deserting the cause. The most they fear is, that the work will not receive so much attention as its relative importance entitles it to, that the cause will not be sustained with sufficient pecuniary liberality, so that they will be compelled to circumscribe their operations.

As, however, our churches possess ample means for sustaining these labours of love, all that is necessary to success, is that a deep interest should be felt in the subject; for the affections are the active part of the

soul, and intense feeling would doubtless induce the necessary action. And in order to produce this intense feeling, all that is requisite is a due consideration of the facts in the case. Though many may be fully in possession of these facts, and have a vivid impression of their magnitude, others may need to have their minds stirred up by way of remembrance, and not a few doubtless require to be informed on the subject. A brief reference will therefore be made to some of them.

What, then, are the facts in the case? In order to its effective presentation before the public mind, the Home Mission cause ought to be viewed in different attitudes, or to be surveyed from different points of observation. The Committee invite attention to a rapid sketch of the state of the denomination in different parts of the country, in connexion with the field to be cultivated, and the reasons which should prompt to its culture. Baptists should consider Home Missions in view of the actual condition of the denomination.

The Committee admit at the commencement of this survey, as a truth, and a just cause of gratitude to Almighty God, that there is a general movement of the larger part of the denomination, in favour of effort to promote the glory of God in the salvation of men. Light is spreading; more liberal views are entertained; system is felt to be important; the principle of voluntary association is working wonders, and the people of the saints have more and more "a mind to work." There is reason to hope that at no distant period, the energies of the denomination will be elicited and directed in a course of measures which will extensively promote its reputation, and what is of vastly more consequence, that shall redound to the advancement of the cause of truth and righteousness, the highest interest of immortal beings, and the glory of the Great God, and our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Compared with the past, our condition is improved—apathy and sloth are in a measure shaken off, and Christians exhibit signs of life and action; though the principal part that has yet been effected is the mere work of preparation for future effort; it is the labour of ploughing and sowing, while the joys of harvest are to be looked for after many days, when the sunshine, and the dew, and showers of heaven shall have seconded the culture and matured the crop, and the sheaves shall be brought to the garner.

While this is admitted, there is much in our churches to be lamented. There is still a vast want of general intelligence, of enlarged views, of vigorous, active, and harmonious co-operation. These alternations of light and shade in the character of the denomination, will be seen in a brief view of its state in the different sections of the country, and the operations of the society in them.

THE BRITISH PROVINCES.

These provinces are clearly embraced within the proper field of the Society's operations.

Lower Canada.—This province is known to be deplorably deficient in the means of common education, and destitute, in an alarming degree, of Protestant preaching. There are but a few Baptist churches, and these are generally in a depressed condition, chiefly for want of pastors, devoted to their interests, and labouring for souls, as they that must give

an account of their stewardship. The Committee regret that they have been able to do no more than sustain a single Missionary in this province, and especially that they have not hitherto succeeded in obtaining a suitable minister for Montreal, its capital, and an important place, particularly as the stronghold of Catholic influence. On the equitable principle of "loving our neighbour as ourselves," the Society ought to have a number of Missionaries in this province, and also in Nova Scotia, and New Brunswick, and St. Johns. Of the labours of their Missionary the Committee are only imperfectly informed, though from his known energy, they anticipate much good from his tours through the province.

Upper Canada.—Here Baptists are more numerous, and the Committee regret to add, somewhat divided, some of them being of an Arminian cast, and others tinged with Antinomianism; while not a few are sound in the faith. The churches are generally young, small, and feeble, and greatly need the labours of able and discreet ministers, to set in order the things that are wanting, and strengthen the things that remain, and temporary assistance in their support, to put a different face on their affairs, and with God's blessing, secure their future prosperity. They, however, represent their situation as peculiarly unfortunate, in not having the sympathy of their brethren in any quarter; for on applying to the institutions of England, they are told that they are principally Americans, and must look to the States for help; and when they send their petitions to the States for aid, they are given to understand that they are in the British dominions, and from their English brethren must expect help. Though the Committee entertain only the kindest feelings towards these churches, and the population around them, they have been able to sustain only two Missionaries, who are actively and successfully employed in a field where twenty are needed.

EASTERN STATES.

Of New England the Committee, perhaps, need say nothing, as they have no Missionaries there. It is gratifying, however, to know that while the churches are more fully supplied with a preached gospel than in any other section of the American Union, and are prosperous in their general interests,—as in efforts to sustain Foreign Missions, to promote ministerial education, and to supply the feeble and destitute churches within their own limits, there is among them a deep and increasing interest felt in behalf of the Society, and especially in its great western enterprise. And though the failure to secure the service of proper Agents in that quarter, has occasioned, during the last year, a diminution in their contributions to its treasury, every confidence may be placed in the warm friendship, and vigorous co-operation of our eastern brethren.

MIDDLE STATES.

New York.—The Baptists of this State are liberal towards Foreign Missions, while they sustain the largest Theological Institution under the care of our denomination in the world. Its great commercial city is the seat of the Home Mission Society; and the State Missionary Convention, with many feeble churches to assist, and much Missionary ground to cultivate, is nevertheless its strongest auxiliary. It gave its

pledge to raise for the Society \$6000 the last year, and there is every reason to expect the redemption of the still more liberal one of \$10,000 for the present year.

New-Jersey has, in view of its numbers and condition, been perhaps equally liberal. Its promise of \$300 last year, obtained for the funds of the Society more than \$600, thus giving encouragement that their resolution to attempt to furnish \$500 the present year, will issue in double that amount. So that while the Jersey Baptists are bringing into existence a literary institution of a high character, and commencing, in conjunction with friends of ministerial education in Pennsylvania, a Theological Seminary, (and while much is also done for their own feeble churches,) the poor saints in the Valley will be deeply indebted to their liberality.

Pennsylvania is to be considered in the double light of a coadjutor of the Society, and a recipient of its bounty; she "communicates with us as concerning giving, and concerning receiving." The churches of Philadelphia, and some others in her eastern section, have contributed to its funds, while its Missionaries are labouring on her western borders, where the destitute state of the churches and of the people, requires that their number should be greatly increased. Here, too, a good spirit exists for promoting other general interests of Zion; as besides two efficient Domestic Missionary Societies, and a Foreign Missionary Society, she is giving attention to the important object of providing for the education of the youthful ministry.

In *Delaware*, Baptists are few in number, and as the Committee understand, inefficient in their operations.

To *Maryland* the same remark applies too well, though some recent events excite a sanguine hope, that the cause there is destined to rise from its depression, and put on strength. The Society has four Missionaries here under appointment, whose labours promise usefulness. The constitution of one church, (in Baltimore,) and the baptism of fifty-four persons in the interior, have been reported. The large proportion of Catholics, and the fewness of evangelical preachers, combine to render Maryland an appropriate field for Missionary labour.

Virginia is the land of Baptists; the churches are numerous, and with the exception of the trans-montane counties, wealthy, and generally in a prosperous condition. Some of the churches are deeply interested in Foreign Missions. The Virginia Baptist Seminary is rising from infancy to manhood, and promises immense benefit to the churches. The operations of the Baptist General Association are extensive and prosperous; and some of the leading ministers have given strong encouragement of aid to the Home Mission Society, especially in sustaining its measures in Maryland.

SOUTHERN STATES.

In this important section of the country, the denomination is numerous and wealthy, and it is matter of gratification, that in addition to respectable contributions for sustaining Missions in Burmah, and among the Aborigines of America, our brethren have evinced a spirit of ardent zeal, and determined action in efforts for the prosperity of the cause among themselves. Literary institutions having a strong direct refer-

ance to the cultivation of ministerial talent in their young men, have within a few years been commenced, and are understood to be generally prosperous in the States of North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia; while efforts for the same object are making in Alabama with encouraging success; and it may be hoped, that Louisiana and Mississippi will not be less active. The successful action of these institutions will greatly, and in various ways, improve the state of the denomination. It is still more gratifying to witness the efforts of our Southern brethren to promote the more general publication of the gospel within their own limits. Their State Conventions are in vigorous and successful operation; the churches are coming every year more and more into their measures; and in some instances, extensive revivals of religion are among the fruits of their Missionary operations. And it is to be hoped, that while the churches in the Atlantic section will thus secure the undivided labours of all their ministers, by these efforts to free them from secular cares and labours, and thus essentially promote their own prosperity, they will soon be prepared and disposed to co-operate with this Society, in its efforts to supply the destitution of the south-western States. It is probable that Louisiana is more destitute of ministers than any state in the Union, and yet she manifests a disposition equalled by few, to aid in their support, if they could be obtained. And these remarks apply, and with nearly the same pertinency, to Mississippi; a State that is now increasing in population more rapidly than any of its immediate neighbours. The Committee have appointed Missionaries only in Alabama, Louisiana, and Mississippi; and they regret that these appointments have been so few, and that only a small part of them have been accepted. In Alabama, two have been employed, but the Committee are not informed of their operations. A Missionary appointed by them in Louisiana, has been entirely supported by their Auxiliary Society, which has requested that others should be sent thither, and is understood to be ready to aid in their support. After long delay, and the failure of repeated attempts, the Committee have stationed a Missionary in New Orleans, a city of great importance as a Missionary station, from its location, its extent and rapid increase, as well as its present moral condition. In Mississippi, though appointments have been repeatedly made, only one Missionary has very recently commenced his labours.

THE VALLEY OF THE MISSISSIPPI.

This phrase designates the region whose streams are tributary to the mighty Mississippi, and whose waters are by that channel discharged into the Gulf of Mexico. It is the largest valley on the globe, including eight entire States, (with a slight exception in one of them,) and two Territories, with room enough for several more; and for the sake of convenience, it is in this account taken to embrace the Territory of Michigan. This Valley, so described, is the most interesting portion of this country, and in its probable influence on the destinies of the human race, the most interesting spot on the globe. Though at this time, while it includes two-thirds of the territory, it contains only about one third of the population of the country, yet its natural capabilities allow it to sustain a very dense population, probably equal to that of all Europe at the present time; and if the present ratio of increase shall continue

the next twenty years, a majority of the American people will be on the West side of the Alleghanies. It is deemed a moderate calculation, that the present century will close with a population in the Valley of A HUNDRED MILLIONS! The character of its population, intelligence, morality, and religion, will determine the national character, and the fate of the American Republic. The influence of this country will materially affect, for evil or for good, the moral condition of the world; and it remains to be seen, whether the nation, and the Church God included in it, shall be fitted to sustain the honourable destiny which awaits them.

The character of the mighty West is not yet formed; the moral elements which are to compose it exist in a plastic form, and they are in a state of rapid combination. *This, then, is the critical period in the history of the Valley, when effort is felt, and every blow will tell; any impression may easily be made, and every impression made will be likely to be permanent.* A most momentous experiment is making; many and widely different influences are at work, and every philosopher and statesman, but especially every philanthropist, and patriot, and Christian, would feel a deep interest in the process, and for the issue.

The Western Valley is the proper field for exerting a moral influence on human character and destiny, and all parties seem aware of it. Every errorist is there to find in the unsuspecting frankness of a new country, a lodgement for his favourite dogma. Many a heresiarch is here to find an encampment for his followers, and arrange his measures for proselyting. Infidelity is there endeavouring to settle his strong points, and exercising an influence in undermining the public faith, and destroying the public conscience, and thus blighting the present enjoyment, and withering the future hopes of the people. Popery more rapacious and acquisitive, is there claiming the appropriation of the whole Valley to the use of Rome. Its purpose is formed, and its plans of operation are settled; its points of influence are fixed on, and swarms of its emissaries are already on the ground, priests and teachers, monks and nuns of various orders, Jesuits and Dominicans, sisters of charity, and sisters of the Blessed Heart. These votaries of Rome are confident of success, sustained as they are by foreign funds offered with a liberality which ought to shame the comparative parsimony of Protestants.

Protestant ministers and missionaries are also in the valley. Besides the native champions of the truth, and instructors of the young, and besides the ministers and teachers who in common with other classes, live of their own accord, emigrated thither from the older States and elsewhere; and besides that the most numerous religious denomination in the Valley is by its ecclesiastical polity, substantially a Home Mission society;—four hundred Missionaries are sustained in the field by three evangelical denominations, and about two hundred ministers are settled here, who were at first introduced by Home Missionary efforts.

By far the greater part of the Missionaries of the American Baptist Home Mission Society are employed in the Western States and Territories.

The Territory of *Michigan* has already a large population, and it is rapidly increasing. Much of the attention of the Committee has been directed to this interesting field, in which twelve of its Missionaries

have laboured the whole or a part of the past year, and have baptized a number of persons, and been instrumental in the constitution of twelve churches, and the organization of several Associations. The country is new, and the population sparse : the churches are generally small and feeble, and further aid will be indispensable in order to the continued existence of many of these churches, and to the prosperity of all the others, as well as to gather the scattered communicants who emigrate to the Territory, into additional churches, and to preach the gospel to the destitute.

One gratifying result of our operations is, the establishment of a minister at Detroit, who seems adapted to build up the cause in that most important point in Michigan, and where the feeble church has succeeded in erecting a suitable place of worship. The friends of education in the Territory are now making strenuous efforts for the establishment of a Literary and Theological Institution, and the interests of Protestantism as well as of the denomination, require their ample success. It is but common justice to say that much of the improvement in the condition of the Baptists of Michigan, is under God, owing to the indefatigable and disinterested labours of an agent, who has traversed on foot the settlements, and gathered the scattered professors into church order, ascertained the preachers, and advised both them and the Committee in relation to their labours. In no part of the country is Missionary labour more desired by the people, or more productive of good.

Ohio contains more than a million of inhabitants. Here Baptists are numerous, but they are not entirely harmonious in their views and operations ; many of their churches are feeble and without pastors, and there is great need of Missionary labour. A larger number of the Society's Missionaries are in this than in any other State, though not larger in proportion to its population.

Besides indirect aid in a grant of \$300 to the State Convention, and other grants to different local Societies of \$200 more ; the Society has had the past year, 17 Missionaries, who have assisted in the formation of 18 churches, and baptized 120 persons. There is here an obvious improvement in the state of the churches, and multitudes exhibit an excellent spirit, and are ready to every good work. The progress of the Granville college is most encouraging, and its prospects were never brighter. Some of the churches are liberal towards Foreign Missions.

Efforts are making, in conjunction with other States, to establish within its limits, in due time, a Theological Seminary, on broad and liberal principles, and of a high order. The success of this project is of immense importance to ministerial education, and of course, to the interest of the churches, and to the prosperity of the denomination in the Western States.

The Committee consider the prosperity of the cause in this State of great relative, as well as actual importance. When the churches shall combine their efforts, and their moral resources shall be developed, Ohio may become to the states in the west, what New-York has been, and now is to Ohio and Michigan, and the Canadas : its influence would be salutary to a vast extent, like the waters of its own beautiful river, fertilizing and enriching the land on the borders of the several States between which it meanders.

Indiana is an important State, though its relative consequence may

have been undervalued. It has already 12000 Baptists, who unfortunately, are not perfectly joined together in the same mind, and in the same judgment. But while a portion of the moral power of the denomination is thus neutralized, and lost to the common cause, there is a redeeming spirit abroad among them, which gives pledge of brighter days. The organization of a General Association and its incipient measures, with the recent formation of an Education Society, with the intention of establishing a Literary Institution under religious influence, are working the redemption of the pledge. In no part of the field have the Committee seen the feasibility and desirableness of occupying the strong points in a State, or more deeply regretted their inability to furnish the men and the money requisite for the purpose. They have, however, done what they could. They have, besides aiding the General Association in supplying an Agent for the State, sustained 12 Missionaries in different parts of it, who have laboured industriously, and not without tokens of divine favour; for 9 churches have been formed, and 140 persons have been baptized.

Illinois seems destined to be in some respects, the most important of the Western States. Here the denomination was three years ago, in a most deplorable condition; for besides being small and feeble, it was divided into parties, some of which were greatly opposed to efforts for reform. No where, however, have Missionary efforts been more successful and salutary. There is an obvious improvement in the state of things; the churches have greatly increased in number, and are more harmonious in doctrine, and more active in duty. Delightful revivals have been enjoyed; measures have been adopted for a concert of action in promoting the preaching of the gospel to the destitute, and a spirit of liberality in pecuniary efforts has widely extended. In consequence, a State Convention has been formed, which not merely exists in name, but gives promise of vigorous action on enlightened principles; and the Alton Seminary, including a High School, the elements of a Theological Institution, and the germ of a future College, has gone into operation; the necessary aid from the East, which it deserves, added to the contributions of its liberal friends at home, would secure its permanency and prosperity, and great usefulness. Here the Society has 15 Missionaries, who appear to have been self-denying, laborious, and successful in their work. They report the constitution of 6 churches, and the baptism of 71 persons.

Missouri has nearly 200 Baptist churches, many of them of quite recent date, small in size and feeble in strength; but the denomination exhibits activity in measures for the advancement of the cause.—Two Missionary Societies are in operation, which have already done good; and if in a few months they should be aided by a State Convention, they will, by a concentration of their energies, probably do more. The number of Missionaries of the Society in the past year, is 11, who have reported 6 churches organized, and the baptism of 312 persons, including one Jewess, and several Catholics! About *forty Catholics* have in that region been recently converted and added to evangelical Protestant churches. More Missionaries sound in the faith, whose talents, piety, prudence and energy would give them a commanding influence, harmonize the discordant parties, elicit the energies of the churches, and direct them efficiently in judicious measures for the promotion of the cause, would be of incalculable advantage.

Kentucky has about 38,000 Baptist members, and the influence of a numerical majority of adherents. Among them, too, is a vast amount of wealth. If the moral strength of the denomination could be combined in its State Convention, and wisely directed to secure the entire consecration of its ministerial talent to the work of the ministry, the Churches would be supplied with preaching and pastoral labour, and the gospel would be preached to multitudes now destitute. Though disappointed in regard to the college founded by them, our brethren are continuing their efforts to promote ministerial education. In some portions of the State, Missionaries are greatly needed, and the Committee hope to be able in future to furnish them.

Tennessee is a field fruitful in Baptists, there being about 30,000 communicants in the State. The recent organization of a State Convention has strangely occasioned the array of the friends and opponents of Christian effort on different sides: and if the comparative strength of the parties is yet doubtful, the result must certainly be in favour of those who stand on New Testament ground, if they prove true to the cause. In each of the three Districts of the State, there are many excellent ministers and brethren.

The Society have 7 Missionaries here, who have generally been received with kindness, some of whom have travelled much, and laboured vigorously, and the Committee hope, been useful in the cause of Christ; though they have not received minute returns from all of them. There are three churches to one minister in the State. Here is an urgent call for many more Missionaries; and the people are rich, and amply able, and in many instances, disposed to sustain pastors if they had them.

The *Territory of Arkansas* with a sparse population, and few ministers of any denomination, has a few Baptist Churches, and the number is increasing. Here the struggle between benevolent effort and inaction, has commenced, and as in all other cases it must be eventually decided in favour of holy effort.

The Society has two laborious and indefatigable Missionaries travelling and preaching to the people. The Lord works with them, and the scattered saints are comforted, and sinners are converted to God. Some additions have been made to the churches. This Territory is increasingly important as a missionary field.

After this rapid glance at the condition of the churches in the different sections of the country, and especially in relation to the operations of the Society, it is proper to add in regard to its Missionaries, that from some of those under appointment, the Committee have had no communication; from others they have had only very imperfect returns: and not a few in their reports entirely omit an account of additions by baptism, and especially by letter. This deficiency may in many cases be the result of uncertainty in the transmission of letters, and more frequently may arise from the fact, that many of our Missionaries are rather working men than writers, disposed rather to do the work of evangelists, than to report its performance. The early period at which the present Report was finished, has also doubtless occasioned a failure of some information, which would otherwise have constituted a part of it.

The success of the last year has varied little from that of the preceding one. Though the Committee have not the means of judging ac-

curately, they believe that while 97 Missionaries have been in the field, 66½ years of labour have been performed; about 60 churches have been constituted; at least 2500 added to the churches by baptism and by letter, and probably at least 1200 hopefully converted; besides much which has been done for promoting the interests of Temperance, S. Schools and Bible Classes, Bible Societies and various religious and charitable objects. Multitudes have heard the gospel who would otherwise have been destitute of that high privilege, while the ordinances of religion are more generally respected, and moral principle is exerting a stronger influence on the public conscience.

While the greater part of our Missionaries are employed in the great Valley; the Committee receive from every district in which they labour, the most urgent requests for *help, more help, and help immediately*, alike from the scattered and isolated Missionaries, that they may have fellow labourers to counsel with, to strengthen their hands and encourage their hearts, and to share in their multiplied labours; and from the people who enjoy their labours, and whose hunger for the bread of life is but increased by the food it feeds on;—and from their neighbours, who have witnessed the salutary results of Missionary labour, and are anxious that they may also be favoured with it. From at least fifty different points, the Committee hear strong representations of the superior claims of the particular place, where the applicants for their benefactions happen to reside. One communication expresses astonishment that the Committee should expect to do any good in that section with so few labourers; another charges us with mocking their misery in the little done, by but showing them their destitution, and creating a dissatisfaction with it, while it remains almost entirely unsupplied; and many, very many, express surprise that the Home Mission Society should have overlooked just the most destitute, and the most promising field of labour, and precisely that one, too, which, with a little immediate assistance, would soon be able to do much in aid of its future operations in still more distant regions.

These representations go to sustain several positions:—that there is an immense amount of moral destitution in the denomination; that the people are willing and anxious to receive missionaries; and that the supply increases the demand; and of course, that there is encouragement to continue and increase Home Mission efforts.

It is a painful consideration that in 5888 regular Baptist Churches in the United States and Territories, (excluding, in this account, the British Provinces, and some of the Islands of the sea, and all Mexico, which properly belong to North America,) there should be only 3110 ministers, or little more than one minister to two churches; while it is well known that many of these are imperfectly fitted for the work,—others but partially devoted to it, and not a few of the remainder are only ill sustained in it. These Churches are situated in the midst of 15,000,000 of people, of whom probably 2,000,000 are disconnected with any religious society, and principally destitute of the preaching of the gospel.—A comparison of the present state of things with the condition of former years, will manifest the fact, that the disproportion between churches and ministers, is constantly increasing—and, further, as it is known that in the more favoured sections of the country, the comparative number of ministers has increased, the inference is irresistible that the deficiency of a preached gospel is increasing in precisely those places where it is now, and has long been the greatest.

More than 2,500 more ministers are now wanted to supply the existing churches with pastors, and if British America be taken into the account, there will be 6,069 churches, with 3,230 ministers—But as the accounts furnishing the data of these calculations are known to be defective, it is probably safe to estimate the number of communicants in the U. States and British Provinces at 450,000, the churches at 6,200, and the ministers at 3,500 ; so that 2,700 additional ministers are wanted.—And again, if all the facts in the case were fully ascertained, it would probably be found after making the proper deduction for those who have no pastoral charge, and for those who are devoted to secular business, and, of course, preach but seldom, (without insisting on a still further deduction for any who are absolutely incompetent to preach the gospel) that more than 3,000 ministers are needed to supply the existing churches. And it is easy to see that 2,000 more would find ample employment in preaching to those now not connected with any religious community ;—while the Missionary efforts now making, and the numerous revivals happily taking place, with the emigration of multitudes of professors to the new countries, are rapidly multiplying churches, which will of course, be small and feeble, and require the fostering care of Missionaries ; so that in view of the whole, the field of Home Missionary labour is not only great, but rapidly extending its limits, and the amount of labour to be performed in its proper cultivation is appalling, and the mind is in danger of sinking in discouragement. But it is a cheering consideration that Christians serve a God who is omnipotent, and a Saviour who is with them in all places, and at all times ; and that although without Him, they can do nothing, yet they can do all things through Christ who strengtheneth them. They may, therefore, with the greatest propriety, “expect great things, and attempt great things.”

The work of Home Missions must be prosecuted by the Baptist denomination, until every church has an able and faithful pastor, whose time and energies are exclusively devoted to its interests, and rewarded according to his labour ;—its Sunday Schools and Bible Classes well organized and efficiently conducted, and its system of benevolent effort arranged and in successful operation ; until there is throughout the country a sufficient number of Academies, Colleges, and Theological Institutions, well furnished with competent instructors, and these institutions well supported and filled with the sons of the church, and other youth, who shall in them be trained for usefulness in the several departments of society ;—and until there shall be a reduction of all the heterogeneous parts of the denomination to identity of character, and a hallowed and most endeared union in doctrine, practice, and affection, so that while they acknowledge one Lord and one baptism, they may have one faith and one practice. Few denominations are more harmonious in their religious principles, but if there should be any attached to it who are essentially heretical in doctrine, or unchristian in conduct, they must be separated from us : if there be any who are not of us, our religion must be so exemplified by holy effort and sacrifice, that they will find it convenient to go out from us. But the brethren who are true hearted, though erring, however misinformed by designing men under the guise of Christian simplicity, however warped by prejudice, and however estranged from the Baptist family, will be reclaimed and restored by proper measures, pursued in a kindly spirit, and for a sufficient length of time,

while additional doors will be opened for preaching in destitute places, so that the work of Home Missions will not and cannot be completed for years to come.

Home missions rise in importance when considered in relation to the wide spread moral destitution of the country. It is by no means wonderful that much destitution should exist in a country so young and so rapidly increasing in population; for new countries are to a great extent first settled by the poorer classes, and it requires years, even after provision has been made for the supply of the physical wants of the community, and they come at length to attempt the work in earnest, to establish religious institutions, and provide for their permanent support.

It is a truth which the committee contemplate with gratitude, that several other evangelical denominations are engaged in the work of supplying this destitution; but this work is too gigantic to be soon effected even by our joint labour; and the Baptists are able, and under obligation to bear a part, and that no inconsiderable part, of the burthen and the glory of preaching the gospel throughout this continent. They have a common interest in the prosperity of the country, and they owe a common duty to it; and as the uniform and attached friends of civil and religious liberty, who know that religious freedom never did exist and never can exist but in connexion with civil liberty, Baptists should feel a deep interest in the free institutions of our country. All must see that without general intelligence, and sound morality, the republic cannot be safe; and all ought to consider that the weekly administration of the gospel tends greatly to promote such intelligence, and that religious principle is the only substantial basis of such morality.

Home missions should be viewed in relation to the recent *remarkable prevalence of popery in the United States*. There is too generally prevalent an idea that the Catholics are to be considered merely as a religious sect, like the different sects of Protestant Christians, and that the question of their increase in the country is as unimportant as that of any of those. But the fact is otherwise; they are materially unlike any other. This religion from its origin has been in close alliance with the state; it takes its rise from the civil establishment of religion; and it symbolizes with monarchy and despotism. It has been indeed conjectured, that the numerous emigrations from Catholic Europe are consequent on a plan concerted by the foreign enemies of free institutions to subvert the liberties of the American republic. This question, however, belongs to the political sentinels of its walls, and there it is left. However that question is decided, it is certain that popery fetters the mind, and enslaves the soul. It has never sought the education of the entire community; it has denied the common use of the holy scriptures, and the right of private judgment in matters of faith; it teaches for doctrines the commandments of men, substitutes implicit faith, and the penance of its devotees for the merits of Christ as the foundation of human hope, arrogates the power of absolving men from their sins, and dissevers morality from piety; so that a man may be a good Catholic, and certain of salvation, while at the same time he is a bad man. Such briefly is popery, and whether this be Christianity, may be referred to those who have studied the New Testament, and form their notions of religion from that volume.

That the hierarchy of Rome has resolved on forming the religious cha-

racter of this country on her own pattern ought not to be doubted. The plans of operation are formed and matured, and already great progress has been made in their execution. Numerous institutions, literary and ecclesiastical, for promoting male and female education have been established and liberally endowed. They are almost universally furnished with instructors from Europe, who are supported by foreign funds, while a large majority of the pupils in all their higher schools are from Protestant families.

These remarks all tend to show the paramount importance of Home Missions. Indeed, very few well informed Christians will deny this truth; and yet it falls out, that, perhaps, still fewer act in practical accordance with its admission. Too many seem not to have stumbled on the inquiry—What ought to be done? not a few take it for granted that all is done which needs to be done; and none are impressed sufficiently with the extent of the need for Home Missions in this country.

We ask those who are indifferent to this department of Christian benevolence, or are but partially alive to its importance, where is their philanthropy? their patriotism? their piety? The influence of this class of operations in promoting individual prosperity, domestic happiness, and neighbourhood peace, is certainly a sufficient argument in their favour, and an ample remuneration for all the expense of their support.

In view of these facts, the Committee, therefore, call upon the American Baptist churches to engage with renewed ardor, and with more entire unanimity, and with increased liberality, and in a spirit of unconquerable perseverance, in the cause of Home Missions. They do this under the most solemn and settled conviction, that if this republic is to continue and to prosper—if our free institutions are to bless generations to come—if protestant Christianity is to be preserved in its purity—if this entire population is to be educated—if the precepts and purposes of Christ are to be heeded by his sworn followers—if his banner is to wave in peaceful and holy triumph over our godly land—that much, very much is to be achieved by the direct and indirect influence of Home Missions, as undertaken and administered by American Christians.

TREASURER'S REPORT,

William Colgate, Treasurer, in Account with the American Baptist Home Mission Society, Dr.

1834.

May	1.	To Massachusetts Missionary Society, per Rev. B. Jacobs,	\$300 00
		“ Miss Lucy Swain and others, members of the Congregational meeting in Federal-st. Boston, for the support of a missionary in the Valley of the Mississippi one year, and to constitute the Rev. John R. Brown a Life Director, per Rev. B. Jacobs,	100 00
		“ Thos. Cooper, Eatonton, Ga. to constitute himself a Life Member, at the hands of Mr. J. Clark,	50 00
	3.	“ D. Hammond, Dover, Duchess Co. per Rev. A. Perkins,	3 00
		“ Jas. Ketcham, “ “ “ “	5 00
		“ Rev. A. Perkins, “ “ “ “	5 00
		“ Second Baptist Church, Boston, to constitute their pastor, the Rev. Baron Storr Life Director	117 00
	5.	“ Oliver Starkweather, Pawtucket, for Life Member,	30 00
	6.	“ Pawtucket Baptist Church and Society, to constitute the Rev. John Blain a Life Director,	100 00
		Deduct part of this amount per ac. Ezra Going,	46 44
			53 56

y	8.	To P. P. Runyon, New Brunswick,	5 00
		" Collection at the Annual Meeting in Mulberry-st. M. H.	59 39
	12.	" Rev. Ezra Going, Agent,	398 33
	13.	" N. Y. Baptist State Convention, hands of Rev. J. Peck,	300 00
	14.	" Female in Oliver-st. per Rev. S. H. Cone,	5 00
•	11.	" T. Brown, Treasurer of the Baptist Convention, Conn. at the hands of the Rev. G. F. Davis,	50 29
		" J. Spier, Tr. of the Youth's Dom. Missionary Society,	1000 35
y	19.	" Saugerties Baptist Church, per Rev. S. H. Cone,	2 00
		" Broome-st. " " per " "	19 66
	28.	" Collection in the State of N. Y. per Rev. J. C. Murphy,	120 02
		" Do. do. New Jersey, per do. do.	45 00
g.	8.	" J. Speir, Treasurer of the Young Men's Miss. Soc. N. Y.	150 07
st.	5.	" Collection at the Union Association for the Baptist Home Mission, per R. Turnbull, Clerk,	22 78
		" Baptist Church in Carmel,	35 00
		" Second Baptist Church in Fishkill,	6 00
		" Baptist Church in Red Mills,	25 00
	10.	" Friends in Fishkill, per Rev. R. Turnbull,	8 00
	20.	" Stephens' Town Association, rec'd in Hancock, Ms. per J. C. Murphy,	154 42
		" Collection in Vermont, per J. C. Murphy	30 00
		" Do. New-York, do. do.	80 58
lbr.	8.	" J. Speir, Tr. of Young Men's Missionary Society, N. Y.	151 80
	21.	" A Friend, to constitute the Rev. P. Ludlow, a L. M.	30 00
	23.	" Charles Babcock, Tr. of the N. Y. State Convention,	1700 00
		" Drafts purchased last year, and interest,	2009 24
iv.	17.	" Females of the Baptist Church and Congregation, Saco, Maine, to constitute the Rev. A. Wilson, a Life Mem- ber, per A. Blanchard,	30 00
	19.	" Collection in New Jersey, per J. C. Murphy,	38 00
		" Do. Pennsylvania, do.	119 00
ic.	2.	" J. Speir, Tr. of Young Men's Missionary Society, N. Y.	280 00
n.	2.	" Missionary Society of the North Beriah Church, N. Y. per S. Chapple,	50 00
		" The following received from H. Lincoln, Boston, viz :	
		" Ladies of Attleborough Church, to constitute Mrs. For- bush, wife of the pastor, a Life Member,	30 00
		" Friends in East Greenwich, R. I. for the valley of Mississippi, per Rev. J. O. Choules,	5 50
		" Baptist Home Missionary Society, Bangor, Me. per J. R. Greenough, Treasurer,	50 00
		" Sub. in Woolwich, Me. per Dr. J. Perkins, \$1 00	
		" Dea. A. Wade, \$1; Ralph Curtis, \$1; Nathaniel Thwing, \$1;	3 00
		" Mary Farnham, \$1; A. Rice, \$1, per E. Pinkham,	2 00
			6 00
		" Lowell 1st Ch. to constitute the Rev. Mr. Freeman Life Director, bal. paid.	25 00
		" Lowell 2d Ch. to constitute the Rev. Mr. Barnaby a Life Director, balance,	35 00
		" Haverhill 1st Ch. for Domestic Missions,	15 84
		" Danvers, do. do. do.	11 50
		" Salem, 2d Church do. do.	8 00
		" W. Brown, late of Great Falls, per Rev. Mr. Freeman,	5 00
		" East Haverhill, for Home Missions,	6 00
		" Gloucester, Sandy Bay Village, do.	5 50
		Per M. Shephard, Tr. of Salem Ass.	111 84
		" Subscribed in Topsham, Me. in letter from J. Perkins,	20 00
		" Foxboro Female Miss. Soc. per Rev. H. Tingley,	13 26
		" Friend in Foxboro', do. do.	2 00
		" Obtained by the sale of a Lithographic of Rev. Mr. Malcolm,	35 00

Mar. 5.	Miss Eliz. Cauldwell, per W. Colgate	10 50	
20.	" Female Friend, Claremont, N. H. a New Years present, per Rev. L. Tracy,	5 00	
April 8.	" The following from the Rev. J. Going's account, viz:		
	" First Baptist Ch. Windsor, Vt. per Hon. J. H. Cotton,	52 00	
	" E. Going, Agent, by the hand of Howen and Fletcher,	250 00	
	" Rev. C. Green, Miss'y, collected by him chiefly in New England,	24 00	
	" 1st Baptist Ch Brooklyn, N. Y. to constitute Rev. L. Howard a Life Member,	30 00	
	" A Soldier at Sault St. Marie,	5 00	
	" 2d Baptist Church in	9 00	
	" J. Gray, New York,	2 00	
	" Henry Hoyle, Esq. per J. E. Welsh,	10 00	
	" Kentucky Baptist Convention, loan paid	100 00	
	" Noble S. Johnson, collected in Cincinnati, Ohio,	40 00	
	" H. Lincoln, a loan,	250 00	
	" A Debtor to Grace, who devotes one tenth of a small business to the Lord, per Rev. C. G. Sommers,	3 00	
	" Juvenile Benevolent Association, West Boyles- ton, Ma. by Rev. J. G. Binney,	6 25	
	" A. Z., first payment of \$100 per annum, in aid of Griggsville, Illinois,	25 00	
			806 25
	" Balance ,		176 13
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William Colgate, Treasurer, in account with the American Baptist Home Mission Society, Cr.

1834.

May 1. By balance due the Treasurer this day, \$ 36 33

1835.

April 1. Paid Missionaries and Agents, as per Vouchers, 7,485 38
" Printing, Postage, Stationary, Rent, Secretary, &c. 1,318 28

\$8,839 97

New York, April 14, 1835.

I have examined the Treasurer's account, and find the charges properly vouched for, and correctly added, and that there is a balance due the Treasurer of one hundred and seventy-six dollars and thirteen cents.

\$176 13.

R. GRAVES, Auditor.

The following has been received on account of the American Baptist Home Mission Society, since the Treasurer's account was made up.

1835.

April 6. By H. Lincoln,
Baptist Ch. in Littleton, Mass. \$6 00
Medford Baptist Missionary Society, Mass. 30 00
A friend in Medfield, Mass. per W. H. Dalrymple, 2 00

38 00

By the hand of L. Farwell,
Shelburn Falls Baptist Church, for the Mississippi valley, by
the hand of C. Alden, of Ashfield, 13 84

Miss Lucy Swain and others, to support a Missionary in the
Valley of the Mississippi, and to constitute the Rev. Caleb
B. Shute, of Boston, a Life Director, by the hand of Miss
Lucy Swain, 100 00

April 6.	L. Fish, by the hand of D. Root,	1 00
	Missionary Society of Granville, Ohio, by the Rev. H. Carr,	25 42
	Asa F. Smith, Newton, Upper Falls, Mass. to con. him L. M.	30 00
	A Sister in Baptist Ch. in Foxborough, Mass. by hand of	
	Deacon Gill, Boston,	1 00
	A Friend per Rev. H. Tingley,	50
15.	Subscription in Rhode Island, per N. Waterman, Jr.	12 00
	do. for balance of Life Directorship of Rev. J. C.	
	Welsh, of Warren,	10 45
	Mulberry-st. Baptist Church, N. Y. it being one moiety of the	
	Collections at the monthly concert for prayer, per Thomas	
	Day, Jr.	59 49
18.	Perry Ch. Genesee Association, per Mr. Phoenix,	20 00
	Le Roy Ch. do. do.	3 75
22.	Young Men's Missionary Society, Brooklyn, to constitute	
	Rev. L. Howard a Life Director, per J. Holden, Treasurer,	100 00
	Do. do. to constitute Capt. J. Going a Life	
	Member, per J. Holden, Treasurer,	40 00
23.	Thomas Cooper, Eatonton, Georgia, in part to constitute Rev.	
	A. Sherwood a Life Director,	50 00
27.	Connecticut Baptist Convention, per J. Brown, Tr.	500 00
	Baptist Youth's Dom. Missionary Soc., N. Y. per J. Speir, Tr.	350 00
29.	Rev. J. C. Murphy, collected by him in New Jersey,	99 12
May 14.	Baptist Youth's Dom. Mission Soc. N. Y. per J. Speir, Tr.	657 78
15.	G. Allen, being subscription from 12 persons in North King-	
	ston, R. I.	12 50
	G. Munson, Providence,	2 00
	A Friend,	50
		<hr/> 15 00
	Per N. Waterman, Jr. Treasurer,	
	Female Mite Society, New Bedford, for the Valley of the	
	Mississippi, per L. B. Green,	22 50
	Hamilton Institution Missionary Society, to constitute James	
	McLallen a Life Member,	30 00
	Baptist Church at Lynn, for the support of a Missionary at	
	the west, per J. Bacheller,	100 00
	Baptist Church and Congregation, Edgehill Court House, S.	
	Carolina, per Rev. W. B. Johnson,	18 00
	A. Somerville, Va. per Rev. J. Micou,	5 00
	Alfred Bennett, donation	10 00
	Stephen Chapin, donation,	5 33
	J. C. Crane, Richmond, Life Member,	30 00
	Rev. Isaac S. Tinsley, Va.	1 00
	Mrs. Catherine Bullock, Richmond, per Rev. R. Ryland,	5 00
	Rev. A. Sherwood, Ga. balance to con. him a Life Director,	50 00
	P. Harrison, Virginia, donation,	5 00
	Rev. Matthew Bolles, received his note for \$100, payable by	
	\$25 per quarter, dated 4th inst. to constitute him a Life Dr.	
	(which will appear to his credit as the same may be paid.)	
	John Conant, Esq., Tr. of Vermont Baptist Convention,	130 00
	(Of which \$100 is to make Rev. D. Packer Life Dr.)	
	Collected in various towns in Vermont by the Rev. J. M.	
	Groves,	42 50
	L. P. Noble, New York,	10 00
	G. Scruggs, Alabama,	5 00
	Rev. Mr. Sands, New Lebanon, N. H. by a Lady in his Ch.	5 00
	From D. C. of Maine,	10 00
	Rev. J. E. Welsh, New Jersey,	2 00
		<hr/> \$2606 88

APPENDIX.

PLAN OF OPERATIONS.

I. It is a primary object with the Committee, *to obtain and disseminate information*, respecting the actual moral condition of the country; particularly as to that of the Valley of the Mississippi, and more especially within the Baptist denomination.

The means suggested for effecting this are,

1. Corresponding with men of intelligence and piety.
2. The procurement of minutes, and reports of State Conventions, or other religious bodies, and all documents containing religious statistics.
3. Public addresses by the Corresponding Secretary and other agents and missionaries of the society.
4. Through the press, by frequent publications in the periodicals under the charge of the denomination.

II. Measures will be pursued to *excite the entire Baptist community to systematic, liberal and vigorous action*, in efforts to meliorate the moral condition of the country, and to advance the spiritual prosperity of our denomination.

The numbers, intelligence, influence and wealth of our denomination allow, our duty and interest demand such increased action. The improvement of the churches, at home, while it would preserve them from retrogradation and decay, would greatly enlarge our ability to aid in this and every other enterprise of religious charity.

III. The grand purpose of our organization will be steadily regarded,—*the preaching of the gospel to every creature in our country.*

Of the regular ministration of the gospel of life and salvation, a large portion of the people in the United States are destitute. Other denominations of Christians are making noble and successful efforts; and we rejoice in their success, as far as they publish the great truths of the gospel. But the field is not less wide than it is “ripe already to harvest,” the reapers are few, and there is no reason to fear collision in so large a space of unevangelized territory. Many churches in the Atlantic states are without pastors, and there are in that region promising fields of labour, as yet wanting alike churches and pastors. But the chief attention of the society at the present period, should undoubtedly be directed to the Valley of the West.

For its supply, provision may be made—

1. By employing ministers of suitable qualifications who may be found now resident there, but who from the necessity of pursuing some secular avocation do not as yet give themselves wholly to the work of the ministry.

2. By fixing from among our younger ministers men of piety and talent, and who have enjoyed the advantages of education, in the cities and villages of the West, having a regard to the influence which each position may exercise, from its local advantages, commercial or literary, over the cause of religion and education in the surrounding country.

3. By encouraging experienced and influential ministers, of more advanced years, who may wish to emigrate from the Atlantic states westward; and furnishing information and advice as to the most promising situations for extensive and lasting usefulness. A more equal distribution of the ministerial gifts vouchsafed to the church by its great Head should thus be sought. At present the same amount of members of Baptist churches have on the two sides of the Alleghany a very different ratio of pastors.

4. By establishing, as soon as may be, an agency or agencies in each state and territory. These, alike in diffusing and gathering intelligence, in their influence upon the churches, ministers and missionaries of their several states and territories, and in the collection of funds, would, if wisely selected, prove the most efficient and economical instrumentality that could be employed.

5. By encouraging the reciprocal and friendly intercourse of the Western and Eastern Baptists, in the occasional visits of ministering brethren from the one to the other region of country.

IV. *A large amount of Funds is obviously needed*, among the indispensable means of our enterprise

These should be sought in the following modes :

1. Through the medium of State Conventions and other local institutions for the support of Home Missions, whose resources, together with those of this society, might be increased by the co-operation of the agents, or by employing a common agent.
2. Auxiliary societies, where necessary, should be formed.
3. The corresponding secretary will be called to travel as extensively as his other duties will permit, and to solicit collections.
4. The employment of other agents, temporary or permanent, will be required.
5. Churches may be requested to contribute by constituting their pastors life directors or life members of this society.
6. Further efforts may be made in churches by personal application to each member, on the principle of our auxiliary associations, or otherwise, to procure annual contributions to our funds.
7. Churches are requested to sustain one missionary each, under appointment and direction of the Executive Committee, at an expense suited to their ability; in which case the correspondence of such Missionaries with their benefactors, will naturally tend to awaken and keep alive missionary feeling in the churches. So great is the difference in expense, that any annual sum from \$100 to \$500 would answer the purpose.
8. Ministers might also, once in each year, commend the object to their people, delivering a discourse on the claims of the society.
9. Churches and congregations, benefited by aid from this society in supporting their pastor, may be stimulated to assist us, as God shall prosper them, as well by assuming at an early period the whole burden of supporting the ministry among themselves, as by contributing for the extension of similar benefits, to other and more destitute neighbourhoods.

AUXILIARIES.

The Baptist denomination has always suffered for want of some bond of union obviously proper among those who hold "one Lord, one faith, and one baptism." Home missions present the least objectionable basis for such a union; and it is hoped, that, at no distant period, one spirit may animate the thousands of our Israel in efforts for their common interest, and in the noblest labours of love for the good of souls ready to perish. One leading object in the establishment of the A. B. H. M. Society, was to combine, in one sacred brotherhood, all the friends of Domestic Missions in the denomination throughout the United States. It proposes, therefore, to all Baptist State Conventions, and other Baptist Domestic Societies, now existing, or which may hereafter be formed, the following terms of relationship.

STIPULATIONS,

Between the American Baptist Home Mission Society and its Auxiliaries.

It is the desire of the American Baptist Home Mission Society, in the prosecution of its great object of promoting the dissemination of the gospel in North America, not to supersede or to embarrass the operations of local societies, but on the contrary, to strengthen and stimulate them, giving to their labours greater facility and larger extension. To secure this object, they propose to the local and more limited Institutions a friendly correspondence and co-operation upon the following principles.

1. That each local society become auxiliary to this society, according to the 8th article of its constitution, by agreeing to place at the disposal of its Executive Committee, the whole of their income after defraying incidental expenses: Provided, however, that the whole, or any part of such income, that may have been reported to this society as subject to its order, be allowed to remain in the treasury of the auxiliary, if requested by their Board of Direction, for the payment of missionaryes and agents as hereinafter stipulated.

2. This society shall allow the auxiliary the right to appoint, direct, and pay missionaries within their specified limits, to any amount not exceeding such income, so reported to be subject to the order of the Executive Committee of this society: Provided, that the appointment of missionaries by such auxiliary shall be in the manner following, viz: A sufficient number of blank commissions shall be furnished to

the auxiliary, signed by the chairman of the Executive Committee and the Corresponding Secretary of the Society, which shall be filled and countersigned by the proper officers of the auxiliary, and issued on their responsibility.

3. When the auxiliary shall report the income or receipts of the same to the Executive Committee of the parent society, with the request above mentioned, the committee shall direct the Treasurer to issue an order to the directors of the auxiliary to retain such sum for the payment of missionaries appointed and commissioned as above.

4. Should appropriations, beyond the income or receipts of an auxiliary be needed within their limits, they may be made directly by this society, or a specified sum may be committed to the auxiliary for the purpose.

5. Auxiliaries shall be governed in their appropriations by the same general principles which govern the appropriations of this society.

6. Agents for the collection of funds may be appointed by the Executive Committee of this Society, with the recommendation or consent of the auxiliary; and all agents so appointed, shall report the amount of their collections both to this society and to the auxiliary; and such agents shall receive their compensation from the auxiliary or this society, or both, in such proportions as shall be agreed on.

7. When societies become auxiliary according to the 7th article of the constitution of this Society, a definite arrangement, where practicable, shall be made between this society and such auxiliary, as to the amount or proportion of the income or receipts which each shall receive.

It is understood that the Executive Committee of the American Baptist Home Mission Society engage to perform the above stipulations with auxiliary Societies: *Provided*, that the limits of such auxiliary societies be such as in their opinion, will facilitate the operations of this society; and *provided also*, that such arrangement shall not be so construed as to debar this society from the liberty of co-operating, in the same manner, if desired, with any local society within the limits of an auxiliary, acting independently of such auxiliary; and, also, of appointing missionaries, and aiding churches in supporting ministers, within such limits, if deemed necessary.

FORM OF AUXILIARYSHIP.

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Be it remembered that the stipulations proposed by the American Baptist Home Mission Society to its Auxiliaries, were agreed to between the society and the

In witness whereof, we have subscribed our names,

Cor. Sec. of A. B. H. M. S.
Sec. of

PURPOSE OF STIPULATIONS.

"1. Wherever these stipulations are adopted, they will bring the influence of the parent society to act on its auxiliaries in the matter of raising funds, and thus a principle distinctly avowed in the formation of the society, will be most securely guarded, viz: *That it was intended to encourage efficiently all local efforts for supplying to the destitute the preaching of the gospel, without the least degree of interference with them.*

"On this plan the agent of each auxiliary will also be the agent of the parent society, and by aiming to be constantly advised of the operations and necessities of the latter, will be able to acquaint each congregation which he may address, with what the whole country is doing; and the influence of example will be fully felt, while the general object, by being presented as *one and undivided*, will assume an importance as much superior to that exhibited by the separate claims of a local society, as the wants of a nation are more extensive than those of a single state or country; and it is found that when facts are presented as the ground of appeal, Christians and patriots are disposed to contribute in proportion to the magnitude of the work, to be

accomplished by their beneficence. In this way the resources of each local society may be greatly increased by a connexion with the parent institution.

"2. By these stipulations, each auxiliary society is left to the independent and unembarrassed exercise of all its rights, in the business of appropriating its own funds to the relief of the needy within its limits, while it secures to itself the additional opportunity of counselling in the application of other appropriations made by the parent society within the same bounds. And this is an advantage which will be very gladly yielded to local societies, whose knowledge of the work to be done in their own limits, is in all cases, much more minute and particular than can be possessed through the medium of correspondence with the parent society.

"3. These stipulations, wherever they shall be adopted, will put it out of the power of the parent institution to contravene the wishes of those whose business it is to manage the affairs, and guard the purity of the churches in the different sections of our country. Where appropriations beyond the amount contributed by an auxiliary are needed in the district of that auxiliary, the parent Society will of course find it alike convenient and necessary to consult the wishes and avail itself of the counsels of its own auxiliary.

"The general Society thus claims but to be the servant of churches. It pretends to no ecclesiastical authority. It interferes not with the discipline or the peculiar views of doctrine, of any of our churches. The society has no charter and no funded property. It has its being only in the confidence and co-operation of the Christian public; and should it ever, through unfaithfulness to its trust, cease to deserve these, its auxiliaries may withdraw their aid, and the society ceases to exist.

"4. The effect of the whole plan, should it be universally acted upon by the churches, will be to secure the following advantages:

"It will prevent the interference and conflicting action of a number of independent societies, occupying portions of the same field, without concert of views and without harmony of feeling. The state conventions and other local societies, will be led to supply in the first instance their own destitute; while the general society, gathering strength from the resources of its auxiliaries, will be *the servant of all*, in conveying their surplus charities to the new and increasing fields of desolation in our frontier settlements. For this service the parent society, sustained by the co-operation here recommended, will possess peculiar advantages. Its office will be the centre of intelligence on the subject of Home Missions, and the medium through which the numerous local societies may communicate with each other. And what gives life and energy to this whole system, is that the parent society, thus sustained, is enabled to employ permanent officers, and thus to be in effect, *constantly in session*. This is an advantage to which no local society can aspire, but which is indispensable to the prompt and successful prosecution of missions, over a field so extensive and diversified, as yet remains to be occupied by Christian zeal in this country.

"This plan is also suited to produce a uniformity of operation, and the missionaries of the auxiliaries being also the missionaries of the parent society, will be reported as such in an annual alphabetical list, with the appropriate designation of the local society which sustains them. Thus the influence of each auxiliary will be embodied, and an annual report presented, which will embrace the doings of all; and the local societies will not be regarded as rivals of each other, but as fellow labourers in the same field, and their missionaries as all belonging to the same family."

FORM OF CONSTITUTION

Recommended for the adoption of Auxiliary Societies.

ART. I.—This Society shall be known by the name of the Baptist Domestic Missionary Society of _____, and shall be Auxiliary to the American Baptist Home Mission Society.

ART. II.—This Society shall be composed of such individuals as shall contribute annually to its funds, together with the members of the several Auxiliary Societies for Home Missions within its limits.

ART. III.—The officers of the Society shall be a President, Vice-President, a Treasurer, and a Secretary, to be chosen at the Annual Meeting. These officers, together with at least one person from each of its several Auxiliaries, shall con-

stitute a Board of Directors of whom five shall be a quorum at any meeting regularly convened.

ART. IV.—It shall be the duty of the Board of Directors to meet at the call of the President. They shall be authorized to appoint an Executive Committee who shall adopt the most energetic measures in their power for the accomplishment of the objects of the Society, by collecting funds, disseminating intelligence, sending a deputation to all the annual meetings of their own Auxiliaries and of the parent society, and generally using all suitable means to excite and maintain an interest in the cause of Home Missions.

ART. V.—The annual receipts of the Society, after defraying incidental expenses, shall be paid over to the Treasurer of the parent society, with directions as to the section of country in which it shall be expended in missionary labours, should the Executive Committee deem it important to give such directions.

ART. VI.—The Society shall meet as often as called by the Directors, and annually, on the _____ of March, when the officers shall be elected; the accounts of the Treasurer, properly audited, shall be presented, and the annual report of the Executive Committee received, and at which meeting this Constitution may be amended by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

ART. VII.—A copy of the Constitution, authenticated by the Secretary, together with the names and residences of the officers annually elected, and also a copy of each annual report shall be transmitted to the Corresponding Secretary of the American Baptist Home Mission Society.

THE FOURTH REPORT
OF THE
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF THE
AMERICAN
BAPTIST HOME MISSION SOCIETY,
PRESENTED AT ITS
ANNIVERSARY IN PHILADELPHIA, JUNE 7, & 8, 1836.
WITH THE
TREASURER'S REPORT,
AND
AN APPENDIX,
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CONSTITUTION

OF THE

AMERICAN BAPTIST HOME MISSION SOCIETY.

ARTICLE I. This Society shall be called the **AMERICAN BAPTIST HOME MISSION SOCIETY.**

ARTICLE II. The great object of this Society shall be to promote the preaching of the Gospel in North America.

ARTICLE III. Any person may become a member of this Society by contributing annually to its funds ; thirty dollars paid at one time shall constitute a member for life ; one hundred dollars paid at one time shall constitute a director for life ; and any person on paying a sum which, in addition to any previous contribution, shall amount to one hundred dollars, shall be a director for life ; and any Baptist Church or Association, or State Convention, or Missionary Society, that contributes annually to the objects of this Society, shall be entitled to be represented by one or more delegates in its annual meetings.

ARTICLE IV. The officers of this Society shall be a President, Vice Presidents, a Treasurer, an Auditor, Corresponding Secretaries, a Recording Secretary, and fifty Directors, who shall be annually appointed by the Society.

ARTICLE V. The Officers and Life Directors shall appoint an Executive Committee of thirteen persons exclusive of the Treasurer, Corresponding Secretaries, and the Recording Secretary, who shall be members ex-officio, residing in the city of New-York and its vicinity, five of whom shall be a quorum regularly convened. This Committee shall have power to appoint its own meetings, form its own rules of business, and fill any vacancies which may occur during the year, and convene special meetings of the Board and of the Society ; shall appoint missionaries, and instruct them as to the field and manner of their labours ; shall dispose of the funds for the objects of the Society, provided that all moneys contributed for any specific purpose shall be faithfully applied only to that particular object ; shall create such agency or agencies for the appointment of missionaries and for other purposes as the interests of the Society may require ; and shall make an annual report of their proceedings to the Society. All the Officers, Executive Committee, Agents and Missionaries of the Society shall be members of some regular Baptist Church, in general union with the body of that denomination.

ARTICLE VI. The Treasurer shall give bonds to such amount as the Executive Committee shall think proper.

ARTICLE VII. Any Baptist Missionary Society may become auxiliary, by agreeing to pay into the treasury of this Society the whole of its surplus funds, and sending to the Corresponding Secretary a copy of its constitution and annual reports, mentioning the names of its missionaries, and the fields of their operations.

ARTICLE VIII. Every Auxiliary Society who shall agree to pay the whole of its funds to this Society, shall be entitled to a missionary, or missionaries to labour in such field as it may designate, to an amount at least equal to that of its contributions : provided such designation be made at the time of payment.

ARTICLE IX. The officers of Auxiliary Societies shall be ex-officio Directors of this Society, and their members shall be members of this Society.

ARTICLE X. The annual meeting of the Society shall be held at such time and place, as the Society shall determine at a previous annual meeting, or as the Executive Committee shall determine.

ARTICLE XI. No alteration of this Constitution shall be made without an affirmative vote of two thirds of the members present at an annual meeting ; nor, unless the same shall have been proposed at a previous annual meeting, or recommended by the Executive Committee.

LIFE DIRECTORS.

Constituted by the payment of One Hundred Dollars and upwards.

- Rev. Joseph Ballard, South Berwick, Maine, by his church.
 " John N. Brown, Boston, by the Federal-st. Baptist church.
 " John Blain, Pawtucket, R. I. by the Baptist church.
 " James Barnaby, by the 2d church and congregation, Lowell, Mass.
 * Nathaniel R. Cobb, Esq. Boston, by his own subscription.
 Rev. Pharellus Church, by 2d church in Providence.
 " Spencer H. Cone, by Oliver-st. church, New-York.
 " Daniel Chessman, by the Baptist church, Lynn, Massachusetts.
 " John Cookson, Middletown, Con. by the Baptist church.
 William B. Crosby, Esq. New-York, by his own subscription.
 William Colgate, Esq. " "
 Rev. Duncan Dunbar, " by his church and congregation.
 " Gustavus F. Davis, Hartford, Con. "
 " John L. Dagg, by 5th church and congregation, Philadelphia.
 " Daniel Dodge, by 1st Baptist church and congregation, Newark, New-Jersey.
 " *E. Foster, Amesbury, Mass. by his church and congregation.
 " *E. W. Freeman, by 1st Baptist church and congregation, Lowell, Ma.
 " Jonathan Going, New York, by the church in Worcester, Ms.
 " William Hague, by 1st church in Boston.
 " J. G. Hall, Tennessee, for services rendered.
 " Benjamin M. Hill, by 1st Baptist church in Troy.
 " Leland Howard, by 1st Baptist church and congregation, Brooklyn, New-York.
 " Henry Jackson, by 1st Baptist church in Charlestown, Ms.
 " *Bela Jacobs, by 1st Baptist church in Cambridge, Ms.
 " James D. Knowles, Newton, by 2d Baptist church, Boston.
 " William Leverett, by Baptist church in Roxbury, Ms.
 " James H. Linsley, by Baptist church in Stratford, Con.
 " Howard Malcolm, Boston, by his church and congregation.
 " Archibald Maclay, New-York, by church in Mulberry-st.
 " John C. Murphy, by a few friends in New-York.
 Mr. Joel Marble, Worcester, Ms. by Mrs. Esther Waters.
 Isaac Newton, Esq. New-York, by his own subscription.
 Rev. R. E. Pattison, Providence, R. I. by his church and congregation.
 " G. B. Perry, Philadelphia, by his church.
 " D. Packer, Mount Holly, Vermont, by his church.
 " Caleb B. Shute, by Miss Lucy Swaim and others.
 " Daniel Sharp, Boston, by his church and congregation.
 " Orson Spencer, by Deep River " "
 " Henry Stanwood, Bristol, Con. " "
 " Charles G. Sommers, New-York. " "
 " Baron Stow, Boston, " "
 " Charles Train, Framingham, Ms. " "
 " F. Augustus Willard, Worcester, Ms. "
 " Nathan Wildman, Weston, Ms. " "
 " William R. Williams, New-York, " "
 " Bartholomew T. Welch, Albany, " "
 " J. C. Welch, Warren, Rhode Island.
 " Rufus Babcock, D. D. of Philadelphia, by his own subscription.
 " Wm. Parkinson, by the 1st church and congregation, New-York.
 Mr. George C. Germond, of New-York, by his own subscription.
 John A. Miller, Esq. of New-York, by his own subscription.
 Stephen B. Munn, Esq. of New-York, " "
 Charles L. Roberts, Esq. of " " "
 William Tracey, Esq. of New-York, " "
 Rev. Richard Fuller, Beaufort, S. C. by himself.
 Mr. Wm. Tripp, " " "
 Rev. Jesse Hartwell, by members of the Darlington and Ebenezer churches, S. C.
 " James C. Furman, by the Welsh Neck church, on Society Hill, S. C.
 " John M. Simmons, pastor of the Elim church, S. C. by himself.
 " Iveson L. Brookes, Woodville, S. C. by himself.

Dr. William H. Turpin, Augusta, Geo. by himself.
 Rev. Jonathan Aldrich, Worcester, Ms. by his church and congregation.
 " Wm. G. Trask, Taunton, Ms. by " "
 " George B. Ide, Boston, Ms. by Miss L. Swaim, and others.
 " Rev. Timothy G. Tingley, Foxborough, Ms. by his church and congregation.
 Hon. Heman Lincoln, Boston, by himself.
 Rev. C. O. Kimball, Methuen, Ms. by himself.
 Wm. Crane, Esq. Baltimore, by himself.
 Wm. E. Garratt, Esq. Pa. by himself.
 Rev. A. D. Gillett, Philadelphia, by the church and congregation.
 " A. Sherwood, Ga. by himself.
 " Math. Bolles, Milford, N. H. by himself.
 Math. Bolles, jr. Esq. Boston, by himself.
 Hon. N. Brown, Providence, R. I. by himself.
 Rev. S. P. Hill, Baltimore, by his church.
 " C. D. Mallory, Milledgeville Ga. by the Central Association.
 Thomas Cooper, Esq. Eatonton Ga. by himself.
 Rev. T. Wightman, Lyme Ct. by Miss E. Clark.
 " John Middleton, New-York, by his church.

LIFE MEMBERS.

Constituted by the payment of Thirty Dollars or upwards.

A

" George B. Atwell, West Woodstock, Connecticut, "
 " Alvin Ackerly, Hadlyme, New London, "

B

*Rev. Thomas Barrett, Webster, Massachusetts, by his church and congregation.
 " Joseph G. Binney, West Bolyston, Mass. " "
 " Job B. Boomer, Sutton, Massachusetts, " "
 " George Benedict, N. Y. " "
 " Asa Bronson, Fall River, Mass. " "
 " D. C. Bolles, Southbridge, Mass. " "
 " John Butler, North Yarmouth, Maine, " "
 " William Bowen, Westboro, Massachusetts, " "
 " Pierpont Brockett, Essex, Connecticut, " "
 Col. Charles Brockway, Broadalhin, New-York, by his own subscription.
 Rev. Ebenezer Briggs, Middleboro, Massachusetts, by Old Colony B. M. Society.
 " Appleton Belknap, Holden, Massachusetts, by his church.
 " Joseph Banvard, New-York city, by Rev. Charles G. Sommers.
 Mr. Charles D. Belden, New-York city, by his own subscription.
 Rev. Jacob H. Brouner, New-York city, by his church and congregation.
 Mrs. Sarah Butler, Lansingburgh, New-York, by her own subscription.
 Rev. David Bernard, by the 16th church and congregation, New-York.
 " John J. Beck, Coosawhatchie, S. C. by himself.
 S. Blanding, M. D. Columbia, S. C. by himself.
 Rev. Wm. H. Brisbane, Charleston, S. C. by himself.
 " W. Q. Beattie, Darlington Dist. S. C. by Mechanicville church.
 Peter Balen, by the East Baptist church, New-York city.
 Uriah Benedict, Esq. Pawtucket, R. I. by himself.

C

*Rev. John Chase, Brookfield, Massachusetts, by his church and congregation.
 " Otis Converse, Grafton, Massachusetts, "
 Capt. John Cavis, Lowell, Massachusetts, by his own subscription.
 Rev. Henry Clark, Scakonk, Massachusetts, by his church.
 " M. Coleman, Byron, New-York "
 " B. Cook, jr. Willimantic, Ct. by his church.
 Mr. George Colgate, New-York city, by his own subscription.
 Mr. John Colgate, " "
 Mr. Ebenezer Cauldwell, " "
 Mr. Richard M. Crane, Newark, New-Jersey, "
 Mrs. M. Callom, by her own subscription.
 C. Crane, Esq. Richmond, Va. by himself.

* Dead.

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- v. Thomas Driver, Dedham, Massachusetts, by his church.
- Francis Darrow, Waterford, Connecticut, "
- John Dowling, Newport, Rhode Island, "
- J. W. Donallen, East Cambridge, Massachusetts, by 2d church.
- v. Orrin Dodge, by 2d Sand Lake church and congregation.
- Simeon J. Drake, by the 1st church and congregation, New-York.
- Jonathan Davis, Fairfield Dist. S. C. by himself.
- ac Davis. Esq. Worcester, Mass. by himself.
- v. C. B. Davis, Newton, Upper Falls, Ms. by a friend. *

E

- mezer Elmer, Esq. Bridgeton, Cumberland County, New-Jersey, his own subscription.
- Silas J. Evans, New-York, by his own subscription.
- . M. Ellis, of Stamford, Connecticut, by her own subscription.
- . John Ellis, of Stamford, Ct. by his own subscription.

F

- . Abiel Fisher, Sturbridge, Massachusetts, by his church.
- Timothy W. Freeman, by South Baptist church, New-York city.
- Jonathan E. Forbush, Attleborough, Ms. by his church and congregation.
- Jos. Freeman, Cavendish, Vermont, "
- Samuel Fogg, Topsham, Maine, "
- Joshua Fletcher, Saratoga, N. Y. "
- Leonard Fletcher, Great Valley, Pennsylvania, "
- William Fitch, of New-York, by his own subscription.

G

- . John Greene, Leicester, Massachusetts, by his church.
- David R. Griggs, Boston, Massachusetts, by his own subscription.
- . Zelotes Grenell, Paterson, New-Jersey, by church in Westtown, N. Y.
- James Gilpatrick, Bluehill, Maine, by his church.
- James Grow, Thompson, Connecticut, "
- William E. Garrett, Philadelphia, by his own subscription.
- William Grummon, Newark, New-Jersey, by his own subscription.
- . Calvin Greenleaf, by a few friends.
- John W. Gibbs, by a few friends.
- John Gardner of Newark, New-Jersey, by his own subscription.
- Joshua Gilbert of New-York. "
- . Ezra Going, Pennsylvania, by himself.
- . S. Gregory, New-Milford, by Franklin Association.
- st. J. Going, by Youth's Home Mission Society, Brooklyn.
- . A. Goodell, Somersworth, New-Hampshire, by his church.
- J. R. Goodno, Canpton, " by his people.

H

- nd Humphrey, Esq. Albany, New-York, by his own subscription.
- Benjamin Halsted, New-York city, "
- George W. Houghton, " "
- v. Josiah Hawes, Topsham, Maine, by his church.
- Nathaniel Harvey, Meriden, Connecticut, "
- Daniel Hascall, Hamilton, New-York, by Mrs. Alice Hascall.
- Elisha D. Hubbell, Clifton Park, New-York, by his church.
- John Harris, Burnthills, New-York, "
- William Hutchinson, Amenia, New-York, "
- Charles J. Hopkins, Salem, New-Jersey, "
- J. C. Harrison, Bridgeton, Cumberland Co. N. J. "
- William Hillman, New-York, his own subscription.
- on Houghton, Esq. Milton, Massachusetts, by his sons.
- v. Daniel T. Hill, by the church and congregation, Plainfield, N. J.
- . Andrew Hopper of Paterson, N. J. by his own subscription.
- v. H. H. Haff, Vt. by his church.

J

- in B. Jones, Esq. Boston, by his own subscription.
- . Charles P. Jacobs, Paterson, New-Jersey, by his own subscription.
- v. Timothy Jackson, Deckertown, by his church.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

AMERICAN BAPTIST HOME MISSION SOCIETY.

ARTICLE I. This Society shall be called the **AMERICAN BAPTIST HOME MISSION SOCIETY**.

ARTICLE II. The great object of this Society shall be to promote the preaching of the Gospel in North America.

ARTICLE III. Any person may become a member of this Society by contributing annually to its funds ; thirty dollars paid at one time shall constitute a member for life ; one hundred dollars paid at one time shall constitute a director for life ; and any person on paying a sum which, in addition to any previous contribution, shall amount to one hundred dollars, shall be a director for life ; and any Baptist Church or Association, or State Convention, or Missionary Society, that contributes annually to the objects of this Society, shall be entitled to be represented by one or more delegates in its annual meetings.

ARTICLE IV. The officers of this Society shall be a President, Vice Presidents, a Treasurer, an Auditor, Corresponding Secretaries, a Recording Secretary, and fifty Directors, who shall be annually appointed by the Society.

ARTICLE V. The Officers and Life Directors shall appoint an Executive Committee of thirteen persons exclusive of the Treasurer, Corresponding Secretaries, and the Recording Secretary, who shall be members ex-officio, residing in the city of New-York and its vicinity, five of whom shall be a quorum regularly convened. This Committee shall have power to appoint its own meetings, form its own rules of business, and fill any vacancies which may occur during the year, and convene special meetings of the Board and of the Society ; shall appoint missionaries, and instruct them as to the field and manner of their labours ; shall dispose of the funds for the objects of the Society, provided that all moneys contributed for any specific purpose shall be faithfully applied only to that particular object ; shall create such agency or agencies for the appointment of missionaries and for other purposes as the interests of the Society may require ; and shall make an annual report of their proceedings to the Society. All the Officers, Executive Committee, Agents and Missionaries of the Society shall be members of some regular Baptist Church, in general union with the body of that denomination.

ARTICLE VI. The Treasurer shall give bonds to such amount as the Executive Committee shall think proper.

ARTICLE VII. Any Baptist Missionary Society may become auxiliary, by agreeing to pay into the treasury of this Society the whole of its surplus funds, and sending to the Corresponding Secretary a copy of its constitution and annual reports, mentioning the names of its missionaries, and the fields of their operations.

ARTICLE VIII. Every Auxiliary Society who shall agree to pay the whole of its funds to this Society, shall be entitled to a missionary, or missionaries to labour in such field as it may designate, to an amount at least equal to that of its contributions : provided such designation be made at the time of payment.

ARTICLE IX. The officers of Auxiliary Societies shall be ex-officio Directors of this Society, and their members shall be members of this Society.

ARTICLE X. The annual meeting of the Society shall be held at such time and place, as the Society shall determine at a previous annual meeting, or as the Executive Committee shall determine.

ARTICLE XI. No alteration of this Constitution shall be made without an affirmative vote of two thirds of the members present at an annual meeting ; nor, unless the same shall have been proposed at a previous annual meeting, or recommended by the Executive Committee.

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Constituted by the payment of One Hundred Dollars and upwards.

- Rev. Joseph Ballard, South Berwick, Maine, by his church.
 " John N. Brown, Boston, by the Federal-st. Baptist church.
 " John Blain, Pawtucket, R. I. by the Baptist church.
 " James Barnaby, by the 2d church and congregation, Lowell, Mass.
 * Nathaniel R. Cobb, Esq. Boston, by his own subscription.
 Rev. Pharellus Church, by 2d church in Providence.
 " Spencer H. Cone, by Oliver-st. church, New-York.
 " Daniel Chessman, by the Baptist church, Lynn, Massachusetts.
 " John Cookson, Middletown, Con. by the Baptist church.
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 " *E. W. Freeman, by 1st Baptist church and congregation, Lowell, Ma.
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 " Howard Malcolm, Boston, by his church and congregation.
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 Stephen B. Munn, Esq. of New-York, " "
 Charles L. Roberts, Esq. of " " "
 William Tracey, Esq. of New-York, " "
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 Mr. Wm. Tripp, " " "
 Rev. Jesse Hartwell, by members of the Darlington and Ebenezer churches, S. C.
 " James C. Furman, by the Welsh Neck church, on Society Hill, S. C.
 " John M. Simmons, pastor of the Elim church, S. C. by himself.
 " Iveson L. Brookes, Woodville, S. C. by himself.

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING.

PHILADELPHIA, June 7, 1836.

The American Baptist Home Mission Society met in the New Market-street church, (Rev. Joseph H. Kennard, Pastor,) at 3 o'clock P. M. An able and interesting discourse was delivered by Rev. W. R. Williams, of New-York, from Mark i. 38. "*And he said unto them, let us go into the next towns, that I may preach there also, for therefore came I forth.*" Rev. A. Maclay, of New-York, conducted the devotional services.

2. The Hon Heman Lincoln, of Boston, President of the Society, took the chair, and called the members to order for business.

3. A committee to nominate a Board of Officers and Managers was appointed, consisting of brethren J. Going, J. A. Kennard, G. S. Webb, of New-Jersey, C. O. Kimball, Ms. and J. Dowling, R. I.

4. A committee of arrangements was appointed, viz: brethren A. Maclay, W. Jewell, M. D., and A. D. Gillett.

5. A committee to ascertain the names of members and delegates present, and to examine their certificates, was chosen, consisting of brethren L. Crawford, J. C. Harrison of N. J., and J. Aldrich, of Ms.

6. Adjourned to meet in the same place at a quarter before 8 o'clock, P. M.

Quarter before 8 o'clock, P. M.

7. Society met according to adjournment. Sung the hymn,
"Salvation, O the joyful sound."

The 35th chapter of Isaiah was read by Rev. A. D. Gillett, of the Sansom-street church, and Rev. J. Ellis, of Ct. prayed.

8. The report of the Treasurer, Wm. Colgate, Esq., was read by himself. It embraced a period of nearly fourteen months. The receipts were \$16,910 85. "Expenditures for missionaries, Secretaries' salaries, travelling expenses, rents, postage, printing, &c. \$15,912 98. Due to the Treasurer, \$176 13;—leaving a balance of \$818 91 in the Treasury.

The acceptance of the report was moved by J. M. Linnard, Esq. of Philadelphia, and seconded by Gen. Joseph Miles, of Pa. and carried,

9. The Report of the Executive Committee was read by Rev. L. Crawford.

Its acceptance and publication were moved by Rev. C. O. Kimball, Secretary of the Ms. Convention, and seconded by Rev. J. Dowling, of Newport Rhode Island. Both these brethren supported their motion, with interesting addresses. The resolution passed.

A collection was then taken for the benefit of the Society, amounting to \$65 46.

10. Prayer by Rev. G. S. Webb, of New-Jersey. Adjourned.

Wednesday, June 8.

11. The Society met according to adjournment, at 9 o'clock A. M. Sung,

"Jesus shall reign where'er the sun," &c.

Prayer by Rev. Leonard Fletcher, of Great Valley, Pa.

12. Minutes of the preceding days were read, amended and approved.

13. The Committee appointed to ascertain the names of members delegates, &c. reported as follows:

From the 2d Baptist church in Philadelphia, Rev. T. J. Kitts, Rev. S. Sigfried and Wm. Van Dyke.

Rev. Joseph Sheppard, Mount Holly, N. J.

“ John Ellis, Stamford, Ct.

“ Jona. G. Collom, Danbury, Ct.

“ J. C. Harrison, Bordentown, N. J.

“ John Middleton, East church, New-York city.

“ Ebenezer Loomis, of Ohio.

“ John Dowling, Newport, R. I.

“ Isaac T. Hinton, Chicago, Ill.

“ A. D. Gillett, Sansom-st. church, Philadelphia.

Wm. Winterton, Esq., West church, New-York city.

Delegates from Baptist Missionary Association, Pa :—Rev. J. G. Col-
lam, Rev. John Thomas, Rev. Geo. Higgins, Rev. Ezra Going, Rev.
P. D. Gillett and Rev. I. M. Allen.

Also, James M. Linnard, John L. Dagg, Joseph H. Kennard, Joseph
Miles, James Estep, Sheldon Norton, Wm. Shadrack, Joseph Walker, J.
J. Woolsey, Wilson Jewell, John B. Trevor, H. G. Jones, Samuel Hug-
gens, A. D. Gillett, J. Jones, Jacob Reed, Geo. McLeod, Wm. E. Gar-
rett, Joseph Taylor, T. P. Sherborne, William B. Way, Joseph Reynolds,
Israel E. James, J. M. Pugh, John Hassall.

From Mass. Convention.—Rev. Charles O. Kimball, Rev. Jona.
Aldrich and Hon. Heman Lincoln.

Rev. A. Maclay, of Mulberry-st. church, New-York city.

“ Wm. R. Williams, of Amity-st. church do. do.

William Colgate, Esq. of Oliver-st. church do. do.

Rev. J. M. Challis, Freeheld, N. J.

Wm. Cranc, Esq. of Baltimore.

Hon. P. P. Runyon, of New-Jersey.

Rev. Leonard Fletcher, Great Valley, Pa.

“ G. S. Webb, New-Brusnwick, N. J.

Delegates from the Central Union Association : brethren, W. T. Brant-
ly, Wm. S. Hall, Miles, Mulford, Loxley, Wilson, Seddinger, Moore, Maul,
Nichols, Beck, Reed and Stetson.

Report was accepted.

14. Rev. Dr. Going Corresponding Secretary, in behalf of the Execu-
tive Committee, reported a recommendation to amend the IV. Art. of the
Constitution,—erasing the word “a” before Corresponding, and chang-
ing “secretary,” into secretaries ; also, the V. Art. affecting the number of
the Executive Committee, making it read, “thirteen persons exclusive of
Treasurer, Corresponding Secretaries and Recording Secretary, who
shall be members ex-officio.”

The recommendation was adopted, and the Constitution altered.

15. The Committee on nominations reported as follows :

President.

HON. HEMAN LINCOLN, of Massachusetts.

Vice Presidents.

A. Shaw, Esq., of Maine.
 Josiah Quincy, Esq., of N. H.
 Hon. J. H. Colton, of Vermont.
 Hon. N. H. Bottom, of Vermont.
 Hon. James H. Duncan, of Mass.
 Hon. George N. Briggs, of Mass.
 Albert Day, Esq., of Conn.
 Jefferson Borden, Esq., R., I.
 Hon. P. P. Runyon, of New-Jersey.
 Friend Humphrey, Esq., of New-York.
 Jos. S. Walter, Esq., of Penn.
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 Hon. Jesse Holman, of Indiana.
 Hon. Frances Dunlavey, of Ohio.
 J. C. Crane, Esq., of Virginia.
 Hon. Henry Hoyle, of Lower Canada.
 Hon. Jos. Wouham, of Upper Canada.
 B. F. Edwards, M. D. of Illinois.
 J. B. Halsted, Esq., of New-York.
 Hon. Jos. H. Marshal, of Tenn.

Rev. Jeremiah Vardeman, of Missouri.
 Hon. Edward D. King, Alabama.
 Hon. J. K. Griffin, of South Carolina.
 Hon. Thomas Stocks, of Georgia.
 J. Withers, Esq., of District of Columbia.
 Rev. V. M. Mason, of Virginia.
 Rev. Wm. Hooper, of North Carolina.
 Hon. Calae Eldred of Michigan Ter.
 Wm. Winterton, Esq., of New-York.
 Rev. E. Robinson, of Louisiana.
 Hon. Jarvis Ring, of New-Brunswick.
 Rev. Edward Manning, of Nova Scotia.
 Hon. Thomas N. King, of Mississippi.
 Jonathan Bacheller, Esq., of Mass.
 Hon. Isaac Dinick, of Ill.
 James Vanderpool, Esq., of N. J.
 James Wilson, Esq., of Md.
 Hon. Wm. Duncan, of Pa.
 Gen. Joseph Miles, of Pa.
 Luther D. Barker, Esq., of Ohio. }

REV. JONATHAN GOING, D. D., } *Cor. Secretaries.*
 " LUTHER CRAWFORD, }
 " JOHN C. MURPHY, *Recording Secretary.*
 RUNYON W. MARTIN, Esq., *Treasurer.*
 ROSWELL GRAVES, Esq., *Auditor.*

Directors.

Rev. John S. Maginnis, of Maine.
 " E. E. Cuminings, N. H.
 " Baron Stow, of Massachusetts.
 " Hadley Proctor, of Vermont.
 " Francis Wayland, Jr., D. D., President of Brown University, R. I.
 " John Cookson, of Conn.
 " N. Kendrick, D. D., Principal of Lit. and Theological Institution at Hamilton, N. Y.
 " Daniel Dodge, of New-Jersey.
 " J. P. Peckworth, of Delaware.
 " W. T. Brantly, D. D., of Pa.
 " Rufus Babcock, Jr. D. D., Pa.
 " S. P. Hill, of Maryland.
 " John Kerr, of Virginia.
 " S. M. Noel, D. D., of Kentucky.
 " George C. Sedwick, of Ohio.
 " Hubbell Loomis, of Illinois.
 " Thomas P. Green, of Missouri.
 " Alva Woods, D. D., President of the University of Alabama.
 " Jesse Mercer, D. D., of Georgia.
 " Thomas Meredith, of North Carolina.
 " Stephen Chapin, D. D., President of Columbian College, District of Columbia.
 " R. B. C. Howell, of Tennessee.

Rev. Basil Manly, of South Carolina.
 " John Booth, of Michigan Territory.
 " J. S. Bacon, of New-York.
 " S. H. Cone, "
 " B. T. Welch, D. D. "
 " B. M. Hill, "
 " E. Kingsford, "
 " E. Tucker, "
 " M. J. Rhees, of New-Jersey.
 " S. S. Mallary, of Conn.
 " J. C. Welch, of Rhode Island.
 " Lucius Bolles, D. D. of Mass.
 " D. Packer, of Vermont.
 " J. L. Dagg, of Penn.
 " J. H. Kennard, do.
 " O. C. Comstock, of New-York.
 " Elon Galusha, "
 " John Peck, "
 " Wm. F. Broadus, of Virginia.
 " Irah Chase, of Massachusetts.
 " G. S. Webb, of New-Jersey.
 " H. Smalley, "
 " W. B. Johnson, D. D. South Carolina.
 " F. A. Willard, of Massachusetts.
 " R. T. Dillard, of Kentucky.
 " John M. Peck, of Illinois.
 " Samuel W. Lynd, of Ohio.
 " Ashley Vaughn, of Mi.

The report was accepted and adopted.

16. Voted to go into recess, to give the Officers and Life Directors, opportunity to elect their Executive Committee.

The following persons were chosen ; viz :

Executive Committee.

Rev. Archibald Maclay,
 " Spencer H. Cone,
 " Charles G. Sommers,
 " Duncan Dunbar,
 " W. R. Williams
 " Leland Howard,

Rev. Geo. Benedict,
 Charles L. Roberts, Esq.
 Wm. Winterton, Esq.
 Timothy R. Green, Esq.
 Wm. Colgate, Esq.
 J. A. Miller, Esq.

Rev. J. Going,
 " Luther Crawford, } *Ex-Officio.*
 " J. C. Murphy, }
 R. W. Martin, Esq. }

17. By Rev. A. D. Gillett, and seconded by Rev. A. Maclay,

RESOLVED, that a copy of the sermon delivered by Rev. Wm. R. Williams at the opening of the session be requested for the press ;—passed unanimously.

18. Voted that a committee of three be appointed to solicit a copy and superintend its publication, in case it is granted.

Voted that Luther Crawford, Wm. Winterton, and A. Maclay be this committee.

19. Voted that all persons subscribing \$5 or more for said sermon shall receive them at cost : all less, at double cost. A subscription was opened and \$113 subscribed.

20. The former Treasurer having resigned, Rev. A. Maclay moved the following resolution.

RESOLVED, That the thanks of this Society be tendered to Wm. Colgate, Esq., for the faithful manner in which he has discharged the duties of the office of Treasurer from the commencement of the Society. Carried unanimously.

21. Brother Colgate responded :—He has not, nor does he now shrink from labour in his Master's cause ; but he found that he had too many things on his hands ; and besides, he had recently been called to a similar office in the American and Foreign Bible Society ; an office which he felt it his duty to accept.

One consideration, he said, had deeply affected him, (nor could he mention it without overflowing emotions)—it was the privations of our self-denying missionaries in the West. " Our labour," said he, " is often much thought of, but it is not worthy to be named in comparison with theirs. They are out in heat and cold, wet and dry, sometimes sleeping on the ground at night." He expressed his most decided conviction of the importance of Home Missions, nor has he now withdrawn from the Executive Committee.

22. A resolution was introduced with the following preamble, by Rev. J. Dowling ;—

This society being deeply affected with the recital of the ardent zeal, untiring labours, and severe privations of the self denying ministers employed in its service, as detailed in the report of the Executive Committee therefore,

RESOLVED, That we sincerely sympathize with our beloved brethren in

their privations, and pledge ourselves as individuals in addition to our pecuniary efforts to sustain them, affectionately to bear them on our hearts in our daily supplications at the throne of grace. Carried.

23. The Executive committee recommended that the 10th article of the constitution be amended by adding—"or as shall be determined by the Executive Committee." Discussed and adopted.

24. A preamble and resolution was introduced by Rev. A. D. Gillett and seconded by Rev. A. Maclay, setting forth the importance of distributing correct translations in foreign tongues and recommending the churches to form societies auxiliary to the American and Foreign Bible Society just organized in New-York. Mr. G. sustained his resolution in a short and pertinent address. He was replied to by J. M. Linnard, Esq. and others, that this was not the proper place to discuss this question, it being foreign to the object for which the society had assembled; besides, such a resolution would be out of place on the minutes of this body.

Rev. L. Crawford moved an amendment, striking out all that relates to the American and Foreign Bible Society. "There could be," he observed, "but one sentiment as to the importance and the duty of distributing the word of God, as contemplated in the resolution, but there might be a choice as to the channel of operation." The amendment was received and the resolution in the form below, passed unanimously.

Whereas, the recent decision of the American Bible Society, has constituted a new era in our history, and devolved upon the Baptist denomination the delightful and responsible work of furnishing the unadulterated word of God for foreign distribution to more than half the population of the globe. Therefore,

RESOLVED, That it is the duty of every Baptist Church and all friendly to the object, as God hath given them ability, promptly to aid in the translation and distribution of the Holy Scriptures in foreign lands.

25. After some discussion introduced by Rev. Mr. Miles, of Pa.; in regard to the best means of benefiting those who hold essential error, Rev. J. Aldrich, of Mass. offered the following resolution, and accompanied it with remarks.

RESOLVED, That the work contemplated by this Society, is rendered especially interesting and important, in consequence of the vast tide of emigration that is constantly flowing into the great Western Valley, from all the Atlantic States and from Europe; many of whom once enjoyed with us the inestimable privileges of the Gospel, and all of whom should, as soon as possible, be brought under its saving influence.

The resolution was seconded by Rev. Mr. Dimick of Pa.; and Rev. J. Ellis of Ct. followed; both of whom addressed the meeting, in a very interesting manner. Their experience supplied them with a rich fund of anecdotes. The resolution was laid on the table.

26. Adjourned—Prayer by brother Harrison.

3 o'clock P. M. !

27. Society met according to adjournment, sung,

"Let Zion and her sons rejoice."

Prayer by Brother Wm. Crane, of Baltimore.

28. Unfinished business resumed. On Mr. Aldrich's resolution, Dr. *Going* remarked, that some seemed to think that new emergencies had arisen in the prosecution of the work of well doing, which required new measures. This is not the case. Human nature is the same now as ever.

and the same means must be used for the conversion of men. In quackery it was the great desideratum to find some one remedy that would meet all cases, but it has never been found—but the Gospel is a universal catholicon. It meets all cases—it cures all diseases. The plain, simple gospel is the only means that are necessary to reach and help any class of our fellow men, however depraved or enveloped in error and superstition. Carried.

29. Rev. E. Loomis, missionary agent from Ohio, late of Michigan, and Rev. I. T. Hinton, missionary from Chicago, Ill. gave interesting accounts of their labours.

30. The following was offered by Rev. Mr. Harrison, of N. J.

Whereas in the opinion of this body, religious Tracts are eminently calculated for “helps” in the missionary work, therefore,

RESOLVED, That this Society have learned with great satisfaction that the subscription opened by the Bap. Gen. Tract Society, for \$5000 with which to distribute their publications in the Valley of the West, has been more than filled; and further,

RESOLVED, That as heretofore this Society has been made the almoner of a generous donation from the said Tract Society, so will they ever be happy to afford them any facility in their power, through their missionaries and agents, in executing their plans of benevolence. Carried.

31. A resolution, respecting the American and Foreign Bible Society, was offered by Rev. A. Maclay. After undergoing considerable discussion and some amendment, it passed as follows:

RESOLVED, That this Society regard with very deep interest, the *provisional* formation of the American and Foreign Bible Society, organized for the purpose of giving to the nations faithful translations of the word of God; and distributing them as extensively as possible throughout the world. We cordially commend it to the patronage and prayers of our brethren and the friends of the Bible in all parts of these United States.

32. Prayer by Rev. J. Sheppard.

Adjourned to meet at the Sansom Street Church, at a quarter before 8 this evening.

(The Society held its closing session in this place for the sake of accommodating those that reside in the southern part of the city.)

Wednesday evening.

33. Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Rev. J. L. Dagg.

34. The principal facts in the Report of the Ex. Committee, were recapitulated by Mr. Crawford.

35. The President called the Hon. P. P. Runyon, of N. J. to occupy the chair, while he offered the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the Foreign and Home Mission Societies are so far from being rival institutions, they are twin sisters, and each an indispensable auxiliary to the other.

Mr. L. said that he rejoiced in this opportunity to express the sentiments of his heart. The two societies were intimately joined together, and no man should ever attempt to put them asunder. Like the christian duties, watchfulness and prayer, it is difficult to say which is the most important, for neither can exist without the other. Were our whole country brought under a strong religious influence—were it filled with churches breathing the spirit of primitive christianity, the effect would be seen and felt on all foreign operations. And to do this is the business of Home Missions. Or, were the home churches to lose their vital energy, the opposite results must follow. A young man, said Mr. L. who is enthusiastic for the conversion of the world and sighs for some distant field in *Burma* or *Siam*, but does nothing at home, has a false zeal; he also whose efforts are circum-

scribed by his own neighbourhood—neglecting all beyond his own narrow sphere, certainly knows but little of the expansive influence of the gospel.

Rev. Dr. Going seconded the resolution, and said, that in the institutions of the gospel there could be no collision. When he was first converted, his earliest desire was to go and teach the heathen. He was at the time a student in College—and studying the 'geography of Southern Asia.—the very spot now occupied by our missionaries. Gladly would he have gone, but providence seemed to close the way.

His first efforts in raising funds were for Burmah. We are to look at home for men and means for our foreign operations. For this purpose the churches must be kept in a healthful state.

This resolution, said he, could emanate from no other source with more propriety than from the honoured Treasurer of the Foreign Missionary Society, and he was happy in his official capacity to respond to the sentiments that had been expressed.

Rev. A. Maclay said that the Societies had well been called twin sisters. The friends of the one are the friends of the other. When a soul first finds peace in believing he first directs his attention to his family and near friends—then to his neighbourhood—to his country, until his benevolent regards embrace the whole world. This is the order of nature, and he was happy to concur in the resolution.

It was unanimously passed.

36. Rev. Mr. Miles, of Pa. moved the following, and accompanied it with remarks.

RESOLVED, That the Home Mission enterprise is one of the highest importance to the prosperity and perpetuity of our republican institutions, and should therefore receive the most cordial approbation and efficient support of every christian and patriot in all parts of our country.

Seconded by Rev. J. L. Dagg.

Rev. L. Crawford, spoke at some length on the extent of Home Missions in this country. *See Appendix, No. 1.*

Rev. C. O. Kimball rejoiced that he had the privilege to represent the Mass. Convention, into which had come as a component part the old Missionary Society, the oldest institution existing in the country. Passed.

37. By Hon. P. P. Runyon of N. J.

RESOLVED, That this Society regard it their duty to enlarge their operations as fast as the providence of God shall lead the way, until the grand purpose of their organization shall be accomplished; viz, *the preaching of the gospel to every creature in North America*, and they therefore instruct their Executive Committee to proceed accordingly, relying on the liberality and prayers of the churches to sustain them.

A great work, said Mr. R. is here contemplated, to preach the gospel to every creature throughout North America. Motives of a selfish nature alone would induce us to sustain this resolution. The happiness of any people is just in proportion to their religious privileges. Compare Christian with heathen countries and mark the difference. And what is the cause of this difference? It is the Gospel. The way to be happy is to cultivate the social and benevolent feelings, and to communicate as God hath prospered us. The churches should undoubtedly sustain the committee while they enlarge their operations. Seconded and passed.

38. A collection was taken for the benefit of the Society amounting to \$—

During the session, the amount of money raised or pledged was \$917 46 besides the collection last mentioned which has not yet been received by the treasurer.

39. An adjournment was moved and carried, *sine die*.

Remarks and prayer by the president, and benediction by bro. Dagg.

Thus closed the most interesting and encouraging session, this Society has ever held. The brethren from different parts of the country came together with one common feeling. All seemed impressed with the *vastness and utility* of the work, and all seemed determined by divine help to *go up and possess the land*. The influence of this anniversary we trust *will be wide, and as lasting as the memory of this refreshing season*.

REPORT.

GREAT and peculiar responsibility," said an eminent civilian, since one to his rest, "devolves upon the AMERICAN CHURCHES." This sentiment, though it may perhaps seem trite, is full of pertinency and force. Obligation is every where commensurate with the entire sum of ability; and, with no people, it is believed, is this ability, in the form of facilities, especially for carrying to perfection the plans of the Gospel, and for the diffusion of its blessings far and near, through a ruined world, greater than with us. The means, and the unrestrained liberty to use them, are, in a superior degree, ours. But the *peculiarity* of our responsibility must be sought in the position of our civil and ecclesiastical relations. The American church, unlike that in any other country, is unincorporated with political establishments, unsupported by the arm of secular power, and unpatronized by princely favor and endowments. She receives no largesses from the public revenues, nor has she any gilded preferments of her own to challenge the bigoted support of unsanctified ambition. She solicits no holy alliance with the powers that be;—protection in the free exercise of her own rights, is her only demand.

Such an attitude of religious affairs, like the form of our civil fabric, is regarded as an anomaly and an experiment. The eyes of the world are turned upon us. Like a rising star, baleful indeed to some, but to others full of joyous hope, are we seen by every voyager of the ocean. Our success or failure is awaited with intense expectation. Should the friends of Christ, unurged by the compulsion of human law, prove recreant to their high trust, the consequences to us, to our children, and to the best hopes of man, would be most disastrous. From our wreck, would the adversaries of religious freedom gather new weapons, and the prince of darkness hold insulting jubilee over our misfortunes.

It is in this aspect of our relations that the American Christian should recognize an overwhelming weight of responsibility; it is in this view, that he should rejoice to behold that brilliant galaxy of charitable institutions, for which the present era of the church is distinguished. Our eye fastens on each as a bright star of promise, a proof of the inherent energy of Christian principle and a pledge of ultimate success.

It was for the sake of bearing some humble part in the great enterprise of bringing universal man unto the obedience of the truth; it was to gather up the scattered strength of the friends of Jesus, the better to discharge individual obligation, that the Soci-

ety whose fourth Anniversary we now celebrate, was summoned into existence. Nor has it altogether failed of the end of its creation. Year by year, it has been our happiness to speak of churches gathered, and of souls saved by its instrumentality. To the praise of the riches of divine grace, be all the glory.

As the Trustees of the charities of the Church and agents of an important institution, the Executive Committee are again called upon to make to the Society, and through them to the Christian community at large a faithful *expose* of their doings for the year now just expired.

The Committee feel, that they are called with gratitude to acknowledge the goodness of God in preserving the lives of the officers of this Society, during the year, with, so far as is known, but one exception. Robert Rogers, Esq. of Newport, R. I. was one of the Vice Presidents of the Society. He was an early graduate of Brown University, and an officer in that brave and noble band of patriots who achieved their country's independence, and a member of the second Baptist Church, at Newport. They present their affectionate condolence, to the circle of friends, from which he has been removed, and accept from the hand of the Lord, the indication which it presents, that this brief life should be most ardently devoted to humble, self-denying labors, to promote the kingdom of Christ on earth. Of his worth, the persuasion was strong and firm, and concerning his death, the conviction is consoling, that he rests from his labors, and is blessed in the Lord.

SECRETARYSHIP.

It having been found desirable, and indeed, it being a part of the original plan, that the Corresponding Secretary should extensively visit Conventions, Associations, and other public bodies, to impart information, and awaken an interest as deep and general as possible, in the cause of Home Missions; and as the increasing correspondence of the Society, had already become so considerable as to require his constant presence at the Rooms, it was deemed indispensable that the labors of this office should be shared by two, that they might alternately be absent, or both present, as the business, and the interests of the Society might demand. But as the Constitution does not allow of more than one Corresponding Secretary, the Committee elected an assistant for the time being, and recommended the Society to alter the 4th article of the Constitution, making it read, Corresponding Secretaries, instead of "a Corresponding Secretary" as at present. It was also recommended that the fifth article, relating to the number of the Executive Committee, be so amended, as to read "thirteen persons, exclusive of the Treasurer, the Corresponding Secretaries, and the Recording Secretary," instead of including those last named officers; thus enlarging the Committee by four.

The revised system went into operation in the month of August last. Agreeable also, to the advice of the Society when

last convened, the duties of the Recording Secretary were enlarged, his whole time employed, and he was made a salaried officer.

AGENCIES.

Were the members of our churches fully instructed into their duty, and were each disposed to do systematically and promptly as God hath prospered him, the whole labor and expense of agents, might be dispensed with. Informed from the pulpit, or through the periodical press, of the comparative wants of the various branches of benevolence, a community, believing the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, *It is more blessed to give than to receive*, would, unsolicited, pour into every treasury more than adequate supplies. A difference of opinion may exist, whether such a day will come, but, until it does arrive, it will be necessary that brethren of accredited piety and standing in the denomination, charged with the advocacy of each institution, should visit the churches to quicken their faith, and provoke their zeal in the work of the Lord,

The Committee regret that their plan in this department, the past year, has been but partially carried into effect. They divided the Atlantic States into agency fields, and then sought diligently for men to occupy them. It is no easy matter to find men exactly adapted to this service—men, who are able so to present their object to the understanding and heart, as to elicit the liberal contributions, and the fervent prayers of the people. The giver, the almoner, and ultimate recipient, are then, all blessed, but the first most. Nor will he at a future time, dread the recurrence of an application.

Besides the service in this department rendered by the Secretaries, who have collected or got subscribed, nearly \$6000, principally in the city of New-York, the States of New-Jersey, South Carolina and Georgia, four brethren have been employed small portions of the year, viz : Rev. Ezra Going, in Maine ; Rev. Timothy Spaulding, (since gone as a missionary to the West,) in Vermont; he was succeeded in this field during the winter, by Rev. Alvin Bailey from Illinois; and Rev. Horace A. Wilcox in Connecticut and Rhode Island.

In addition to these, others have been appointed by the conventions of the States of New York, Massachusetts, and New Hampshire, respectively, to raise funds with which to redeem the pledges severally given by them to our treasury. Their agents, therefore, are performing work for us, and they might with propriety be enrolled upon our lists. It is but an act of justice to the first named Convention here to acknowledge the receipt, at an early day, of the amount of their noble pledge, of *ten thousand dollars!** This is the best guarantee that their still more

* The Youth's Domestic Mission Society of the city of New York, is a most efficient auxiliary of this body. The report of their Secretary, John W. Rand, Esq., just published, exhibits a spirit of enterprize which we should be glad to see pervading all the youths of our country.

generous resolution of *twelve thousand dollars*, this year, will early be accomplished !

MISSIONARY AGENTS.

It is proper in this connection to advert briefly to another class of laborers in the employ of the Society, denominated *Missionary Agents*. Their business is usually unlike that of the missionary, inasmuch as they have no charge of specific churches ; and unlike also that of an agent, inasmuch as the collection of funds is not their principal employment, and what they do collect is paid into the treasuries of the local societies. They have for a field, perhaps a State or Territory ; they travel extensively ; encourage feeble churches ; assist them to procure pastors when practicable ; seek out new fields of labour ; preach, and give tone, and direction, and impulse to the general cause, and keep the Committee informed of any thing that may be profitable for them to know. Such is our indefatigable brother, Rev. Ebenezer Loomis, of Ohio, late of Michigan. He has travelled the last year (and mostly on foot) *four thousand five hundred and five miles*, preached *two hundred and ninety-seven* sermons, solicited funds extensively, baptized several, besides performing other ministerial labour. Brethren J. M. Peck, Moses Lemon, Samuel Love, Reuben Winchell and Peter Chase, are also appointed in a similar capacity in Illinois, Missouri, Tennessee, and in the provinces of Upper and Lower Canada ; but as most of their appointments are of very recent date, or their returns imperfect, we cannot speak definitely of their labors. Their work is arduous and self-denying, but of incalculable benefit to the churches. The Executive Committee would rejoice to establish agencies of this kind in all the prominent fields on their map. They should be men of activity and prudence, and be possessed of a weight of character which would secure attention and respect to their opinions, both with the churches and with the Committee.

MISSIONARIES.

Among these, since our last Report, very considerable changes have occurred. The irresistible hand of death hath again broken our ranks. Two brethren, who a few months ago were numbered among the most devoted servants of Jesus, have terminated their course and received their crown. They were Rev. Samuel R. Clark, of Dayton, Ohio, and Rev. Samuel Harding, of Franklin, Indiana. The former saw the ripened fields waving about him with scarcely a reaper, and his love for souls, and his zeal for Christ, prompted him to put forth exertion too great for his constitutional strength, and in his attempt, instrumentally to save others from death, he found for himself a premature and lamented grave. The latter was one of the most useful ministers of Indiana. He was eminently the friend of education and the promoter of every good work,—but he sleeps, to wake not till the heavens be no more. Not only his family, but Zion herself

mourns for him! God, in these providences, reads solemn lessons to the living!

At the time of our last Anniversary, our books showed that 96 Missionaries and Agents, were, or had been, under appointment, during all, or a part of the preceding twelve months. The number since appointed is 61, of whom six did not accept, and a few others have not yet been heard from. But the support of some having been assumed by their churches, and the time of service of others having expired, and circumstances not rendering a reappointment necessary, the Committee now report 115 Missionaries and Agents, whose names and fields of labour are exhibited in the following—

TABULAR VIEW.

MISSIONARIES.	MISSION DISTRICTS.
1 *S. R. Clark,	Valley of the Miami, Ohio.
2 Gardner Bartlett,	Knox Co. Illinois.
3 William Kenner,	Morgan, Illinois.
4 Caleb Green,	Portage and Trumbull Co.'s, Ohio.
5 Hiram Gear,	Marietta, O. and Parkersburg Asso. Va.
6 William Rees,	Carroll Co. Indiana.
7 James B. Smith,	Louisiana.
8 William Spencer,	Morgan Co. Illinois.
9 John Logan,	Military Tract, Illinois.
10 William Sedwick,	Muskingum Co. and vicinity, Ohio.
11 William Chaffee,	Lima, O.
12 Ezra Going,	New England, Agent.
13 Jacob Bower,	Morgan Co. Illinois.
14 Elijah Dodson,	Green Co. Illinois.
15 Alvin Bailey,	Agent, Illinois and Vermont.
16 Moses Lemen,	Missionary Agent, Illinois.
17 Lewis Williams,	Franklin Association, Mo.
18 James Williams,	Franklin Association Mo.
19 W. W. Tucker,	Franklin Co. Mo.
20 James G. Hall,	Western District, Tennessee.
21 Amasa Clark,	Portage Co. Ohio.
22 Peter Chase,	Lower Canada.
23 William F. Misseldine,	Richland Co. Ohio.
24 Jeremiah Vardeman,	Missouri.
25 David Orr,	Arkansas Territory.
26 Henry J. Hall,	Lagrange Co. Indiana.
27 Judah L. Richmond,	Jefferson, Ashtabula Co. Ohio.
28 William A. Bronson,	Washtenaw Co. Michigan Territory.
29 J. V. A. Woods,	Logansport, Indiana,
30 Daniel Palmer,	Adams Co. Indiana.
31 Jacob Price,	Whitemanville, Michigan Territory.
32 Thomas P. Green,	St. Louis, Mo.
33 P. S. Gayle,	Missionary Agent, Tennessee.
34 William Gambell,	Grand Blanc, and vicinity, M. T.
35 *Samuel Harding,	Missionary Agent, Indiana.
36 Joshua E. Ambrose,	Plainfield, Cook Co.
37 Jeremiah F. Tolman,	Cook Co. Illinois.
38 Eliphalet Williams,	Shelby Co. Indiana.
39 Lewis Morgan,	Shelby Co. Indiana.
40 William Kellett,	Arkansas Territory.
41 William Geary,	Belville, Upper Canada.
42 Thomas Bodley,	Lenawee Co. Michigan Territory.
43 Joel Sweet,	Military Tract, Illinois.
44 John Clark,	Hancock and Adams Co.'s Illinois.
45 Nathan West,	Fulton Co. Illinois.
46 Ebenezer Loomis,	Missionary Agent, Michigan and Ohio.

* Dead.

MISSIONARIES.

47	James Hovey,
48	John Peck,
49	Robert Powell,
50	Bezaleel Hill,
51	Thomas Conduit,
52	Eber Crane,
53	Samuel Love,
54	John Micon,
55	Jesse M. Chapman,
56	Jeremiah Burns,
57	Robert Turnbull,
58	Jeremiah Hall,
59	William Rees,
60	George Matthews,
61	John M. Peck,
62	Thomas Hill, Jr.
63	Timothy Spalding,
64	Amos Stevens,
65	A. P. Williams,
66	Hezekiah Laseter,
67	Timothy R. Cressy,
68	Jacob Morris,
69	Benoni Allen,
70	John Mitchell,
71	Robert T. Daniel,
72	Calvin Greenleaf,
73	Thomas C. Townsend,
74	Isaac T. Hinton,
75	F. F. Seig,
76	Henry M'Elmarry,
77	John B. Graham,
78	A. B. Hubbard,
79	Jonathan G. Porter,
80	John O. Birdsall,
81	Samuel Carpenter,
82	Jacob Ambler,
83	Reuben Winchell,
84	S. S. Burdett,
85	William B. Karr,
86	Azael Waters,
87	Horace A. Wilcox,
88	Benjamin Clark,
89	Thomas Hughes,
90	G. F. Adams,
91	Norman Parks,
92	Thomas Y. R. Jones.
93	William J. Coolley,
94	Nathan Arnett,
95	James Newton,
96	Edward Hodge,
97	Supply Chase,
98	Mansfield Barlow,
99	Moses Wares,
100	H. H. Haff,
101	James Condiff,
102	A. R. Hinckley,
103	William Frazer,
104	John Booth,
105	William H. Duvall,
106	Rolla J. Smith,
107	Silas Barnes,
108	Oren N. Sage,
109	John L. Burrows,

MISSION DISTRICTS.

Medina Co. Ohio.
 State of New York, Agent, supported
 by State Convention.
 Clinton & vicinity, Michigan Territory.
 Dover and Avon, Ohio.
 Western Shore, Maryland.
 Middlebury, and Akron, O.
 Eastern District, Tennessee.
 Winston Co. Mi.
 Military Tract, Illinois,
 Choctaw and Chickesaw country..
 Detroit.
 Kalamazoo Co.
 Brantford and vicinity, Upper Canada.
 Dearborn Co. Indiana.
 Missionary Agent in Missouri.
 Jennings and Jefferson Co.'s, Indiana.
 La Porte, Indiana.
 Meigs Co. Ohio.
 Franklin Association, Mo.
 Franklin Association, Mo.
 Columbus, Ohio.
 Trumbull Co. Ohio.
 Fayette and Green Co.'s, Pennsylvania.
 Saline, Washtenau Co. M. T.
 Tennessee.
 Griggsville, Illinois.
 Marion Co. Ia.
 Chicago, Illinois.
 Louisiana.
 Missouri.
 Arkansas Territory.
 Dupage, Will Co. Illinois.
 Oplain, Will Co. Illinois.
 Munroe, M. T.
 Scioto and Musk'm Association, Ohio.
 Jonesville, M. T.
 Missionary Agent, Upper Canada.
 Hamburg, South Carolina.
 Arkansas Territory.
 Troy, Miami Co. Ohio.
 Agent.
 Arkansas Territory.
 Delaware Co. Ohio.
 Calvert st. Baltimore, Md.
 Hancock Co. Illinois.
 St. Clair Co. M. T.
 Clinton and Fayette Co.'s, Illinois.
 Military Tract, Illinois.
 Milton, Wayne Co. Ohio.
 Bear Creek, M. T.
 Michigan Territory.
 Woodville, Wilkinson Co. Miss.
 Headwaters of Maumee, Ohio.
 Missouri.
 Franklin Missionary Society, Mo.
 Sparta, Dearborn Co. Ia.
 Brodalbane, Upper Canada.
 Missionary Agent, M. T.
 South of Osage River, Mo.
 Southington and Bristol, O.
 Aurora, Portage Co. Ohio.
 Massillon, Ohio.

MISSIONARIES.**MISSION DISTRICTS.**

10	Thomas Powell,	Peoria and vicinity, Illinois.
11	Charles O. Kimball,	Agent, supported by Mass. Convention.
12	Aaron Seamans,	Valley of Rock River, Illinois.
13	Isaac D. Newell,	Rushville, Illinois.
14	Richard Griffin,	Northern part of Illinois.

From the above it appears that the Society has its laborers, either Missionaries, or Agents, in fourteen States, two Territories and two Provinces, of which we shall speak more in detail in another place.

With three exceptions, which were for shorter periods, the above were all appointed for twelve months each, making a continuous aggregate of 112 1-4 years, but as many have only partially discharged their commissions, the actual amount of service performed may not exceed 39 1-2 years, or an increase of 30 1-2 years' labor on the preceding year. Though this falls far below our wishes, and below the wants of our country, yet our surprise, under existing circumstances, should be, that so much, and not that so little, has been done! Four years ago the Society was in its infancy, without funds, and with few friends, but it has, to say the least, had a remarkable growth,—a growth which indicates a sound constitution and the approbation and blessing of Divine Providence!

THEIR LABORS ARDUOUS AND SELF-DENYING.

Where there are so many men as now occupy our Mission fields, it is reasonable to expect a great diversity of character, talent and attainment; some who can endure, and are willing to bear, more "hardness as good soldiers," than others, but as a whole, it is believed, a more laborious, self-denying, indefatigable body of preachers can nowhere be found. They are the true sons of that veteran race, the hardy pioneers of our faith in the Eastern, and Middle, and Southern States; men who, looking with contempt on ease and luxury, brave the toils and privations incident to the forest and the newly settled country. They supply from one to twelve congregations each, and these sometimes are so remotely situated from each other, as to require long journeys over imperfect roads. Their usual mode of travelling is on horseback, and "to ride" is, with many of them, a term synonymous with the whole routine of Missionary labor. The stream that cannot be forded, must be swam; if the mountain or morass forbid the pass, they choose another; if night shut in upon them, they seek some friendly shelter, and there preach him who had not there to lay his head. Ten of them could be selected whose aggregate journeyings, had they been in a strait line, would have reached once and a quarter round the globe! Their families too, who are left alone, and often ill provided for, participate in these toils and personal sacrifices.

The public eye, and public sympathy, follow him who bids an

eternal adieu to friends and native land, to publish the salvation of God on distant shores. There is a moral sublimity in his work, which gives inspiration to poetry, and his enterprize, in itself vast and holy, becomes the theme of enraptured song. The heart is more than full as it contemplates him going

“ O’er the gloomy hills of darkness,”

to dispense to those ready to perish, the light of eternal life. All this is well. But those who go to the lost sheep of the house of our American Israel, and make equal sacrifices, and lose themselves from public gaze in the forest and prairie of the far West, deserve an equal place in our sympathies and affections. No multitude gathers on the strand to weep at their departure,—a few tears only may fall unseen,—no bard celebrates their deeds ; they endure their fatigues and suffer their privations alone, and thus spend and are spent. Is not this rather,

“ The *noiseless* band of heavenly soldiery,
From out the armory of God equipped ?”

Such, at least, are the worthy men whom the churches are called to support by their contributions and prayers.

FIELDS OF LABOR.

It is proposed to follow our Missionaries to their several stations, arranged in the order of States. Did our limits permit, it might be desirable to give copious extracts from their correspondence, but we must be content with a condensed summary.

1. The States of *Maine, Vermont, Rhode Island, and Connecticut*, have been visited by our Agents, and the churches have shown a commendable zeal in the cause.

2. Over the mountains of *Western Pennsylvania*, but one Missionary has been stationed where many were needed. A morning of promise is dawning upon this region ; opposition is reluctantly yielding, and an institution of learning is rising up in their midst. Our Missionary has baptized thirty, and forty-six others have given evidence of conversion.

3. On the Western shore of *Maryland*, Rev. Thomas Conduit labored with success, till about mid-summer, supplying two churches. His departure to the South was then much regretted. The pulpit of the Calvert street Church, in Baltimore, is now occupied by one of the Society’s Missionaries. The station is of great importance in that city and State, which, perhaps, more than any other in the Union, abounds in subjects of the Romish faith. The prospect is favourable, but time will be required to build up a strong interest.

4. In *Ohio*, this Society has twenty five Missionaries, besides those supported by the Convention of that State ; and an Auxiliary connected with the Rocky River Association. With a grant of \$100 only, this Auxiliary has sustained four laborers, a part, or all the time, at an expense of \$640. They are energetic and prosperous.

Some churches, not long since aided by this Society, are now abundantly able to sustain the gospel among themselves, and are beginning to repay the kindness they have received, to the relief of others ; yet the calls from Ohio have been frequent and urgent, and the result is, the Society now has more Missionaries there than in any other State.

5. *Michigan* has shared largely in the appropriations of the Committee. This is a field of uncommon importance. The emigrant from all quarters is taking his stand here. It will be, ere long, a rich and populous State.

The Baptist interest in this Territory has been made what it is, within a few years. "In a district," writes a Missionary from Tecumseh, "where not a single church existed when I came into the Territory (5 years ago), there is now an Association embracing twenty churches, and twelve ordained ministers. Harmony and peace prevail among them all, and the Lord has visited some of them with the gracious influences of his Spirit."

Sixteen Missionaries are laboring here with great success, in gathering churches and promoting revivals. Yet there is great destitution. "The nearest minister to the West of this" (Battle Creek), says a correspondent, "is twenty four miles, if we except one who is an Agent for the Michigan and Huron Institute. At the East, I believe there is no one in our connexion within eighty miles, and to the North and South, I know of none within a less distance ; still there are villages rising, and settlements forming in every direction. Nor are ministers of other denominations more numerous."

The prepossessions of the people are said to be favourable to our peculiar views of truth, and suitable exertion will fill this Territory with churches after the primitive order. Their Mission Society is making commendable progress.

6. In *Indiana*, eight Missionaries have labored the past year. In this State, there are three hundred and fifty eight Baptist churches, but many of them are small, and but poorly supplied with the ordinances of God's house. One Missionary ranges through three counties—one containing two hundred square miles, and 4 churches without a single ordained minister. The other two containing four hundred square miles each—have twenty one churches, few of which enjoy stated preaching more than once a month. Other portions are more highly favored, yet there is a great lack of ministerial labor. The Franklin Institute, which is in a state of forwardness, is among the most cheering signs of the times.

7. The Missions in *Illinois*, though not productive of so much visible fruit, in the form of conversions and baptisms as during some past years, have, nevertheless, been highly prosperous. The Society has been the means of introducing valuable men, (of whom they now patronize *twenty-two*), who, in conjunction with others already there, have given a strong onward impulse to the cause of truth and benevolence. In this rich and growing state there is

very much land yet to be possessed. The Illinois Convention held its *first* Anniversary the last Autumn. Though yet in its infancy, and as yet enlisting but a small portion of the numbers and influence of the denomination, it has two agents, and gives promise of great efficiency and usefulness.

8. *Missouri*. In this interesting portion of the far West, the Society has 10 Missionaries. Several of these are appointed through the Franklin Mission Society,—an efficient auxiliary located in the county, whose name it bears. What has been said of the laborious, self-sacrificing character of the Missionaries in general, is particularly applicable to these. They are hardy foresters, who are an honor to a denomination whose worthies in every age have been working men—pilgrims and strangers on the earth.

The past year they have organized a State Convention, though, perhaps, under a modified name.

9. The wilds of Arkansas, which lie immediately south, have of late received very considerable attention. Five Missionaries are now on their wide circuits. Their labors have been blessed, but to what extent, our imperfect returns do not enable us to say.

10. *Tennessee* is an older State, has many churches of our faith, and much wealth. They have more need of men than money, though the latter is not liberally supplied, and in some places entirely withheld, on account of an unhappy error, in regard to the use of means. So strong has been the feeling in some parts of the State, on the propriety of benevolent efforts, that division has ensued. Yet we are assured by all our Missionaries, of whom, there are *six*, that the good cause is advancing. They call earnestly for more help; there being twenty churches, as is stated, that would support pastors if they could obtain them. The church in Nashville, has, within five years, out of weakness waxed strong. Besides assuming the entire support of our Missionary, brother Howell, they have raised \$450 for the Tennessee Convention the past year.

Portions of this State are very destitute, One man travelled thirty miles to be baptized of a Missionary, whom he heard preach in one of his excursions into the Chickesaw nation.

11. The States, nearer the Gulf, present a field of equal destitution and importance. The Society has two Missionaries in Louisiana, both of whom are sustained by their churches, and two also in Mississippi. Preachers of eligible talent would be appreciated in these parts, and find a generous remuneration for their services. Our efforts in behalf of New Orleans have been nearly ineffectual.

12. At Hamburg, *South Carolina*, a growing town at the termination of the South Carolina Rail-Road, a Missionary is partially supported by this Society. He was originally designated to Florida, but was prevented from going there, by the Indian disturbances.

13. The Canadian Provinces present a spectacle of deplorable

moral desolation, and we are happy to see Christians in the father land, as well as in the States, awaking to their responsibilities in their behalf. There is work enough for all, and more, we fear, than will be done for the present generation.

Lower Canada. The population of this province is 600,000 ; of whom 460,000, are considered Roman Catholics. For the religious instruction of the remaining 140,000 Protestants, there are but 68 clergymen of all denominations ; of whom four only, are Baptists. Such were the statistics a year ago, but within a twelvemonth the Baptists have more than doubled. At Montreal, an Association has been formed with eight churches and seven ministers. Great revivals have been enjoyed. The Society has 2 Missionaries here. Their prospects are said to be very cheering.

Upper Canada contains 320,000 inhabitants, and is not so much overrun by Romanism. But for all this great and growing population, there are but one hundred and sixty ministers.—There are about sixty Baptist churches scattered through the province, with perhaps half that number of clergy. There the Society have three devoted Missionaries who are laboring with good success. One of them has recently been appointed agent, to visit the churches and collect funds under a joint Commission of a local Society. This is regarded as an important movement.

We have now cursorily glanced over the Mission field as at present occupied.

LABOR ACCOMPLISHED.

As to the actual results, it is regretted that our information is so imperfect ; yet we have some certain data on which to proceed. Were we to take the full annual reports we have received, as the basis of our calculation ; were we to suppose that all have been as successful as those from whom we have heard (and there is nothing known to the contrary, unless the fact that they did not report, be taken as presumptive evidence against it)—on this basis, the results stand thus ;—they have the past year supplied 300 churches or congregations, with the word ; admitted to their fellowship 1776, viz. 1040 by baptism, and 736 by letter ; that they were instrumental in the conversion of 1676 others, who have not yet put on Christ by profession ; that they assisted in the ordination of thirty-three ministers, and in the constitution of ninety-six churches, and in the organization of seven Associations—preached 14,000 sermons, and travelled more than 144,000 miles to scatter the word of truth and life. In some particulars this statement may equal, or perhaps exceed the truth, but it is believed by the Committee, that it generally falls far below, as in the item of hopeful conversions. Our Missionaries are careful to arrogate nothing to themselves, which might be claimed in common by others. They labor, for instance, with their brethren in protracted meetings. In one place it is stated that great numbers were converted and seventy-nine baptized ; again, on a similar occasion, one

hundred and twenty were converted, but it being impossible to determine how much our missionaries contributed to the happy result, nothing was put to their account in the above estimate. It is easier to say "all of which I saw" than "part of which I was." Eternity alone, will make full disclosures of all the combined agencies that have been at work, and then shall every man receive according to his deeds.

In the estimates we have made of the good that has flowed from God, through the channels of this Society, we have thus far confined ourselves to a few statistical items. We have counted some few of the better defined waves, but have scarcely noticed the strong, ocean like under-current that has been set in motion. We have said nothing of the thousands of children and youth, that have been gathered into the Sabbath-school and Bible Class, and there brought under the teachings of the Gospel; nothing of the strong impulse given to the Temperance Reform. We have but alluded to another cause zealously advocated and promoted by the Society's Missionaries,—the cause of Education, primary, academic and theological. The enterprising sons of the West should undoubtedly be themselves, trained for the religious teachers of the West, and for this purpose, institutions are needed in their midst. Nothing have we said of the irresistible influence of example.

Said the lamented Harding in his last communication to the Society,—“I consider that the American Baptist Home Mission Society is doing incalculable good to the churches in this country, not only by the pecuniary assistance afforded them, but by the direct tendency that assistance has, when received, to renovate the churches, and teach them the duty of helping themselves—a lesson they have been but too slow to learn. Those members who have heretofore been as dead weights to Society, either wake up to duty, or become restless and seek a home elsewhere.”

Another circumstance that most unequivocally marks the prosperity of the cause is, the uncommon number of churches that have recently been erecting houses of worship. Many had worshipped in some obscure hall, or in some humble shed or school house at an inconvenient distance from town; some had met at a log courthouse at the county seat, and others, still less favored have, like the precursor of the Savior, stood under the open canopy of heaven, and called sinners to repentance. The exact number built, we know not, but in all parts of the Mission field, especially in the larger towns and cities, the brethren have said, “let us rise and build.”

Another thing cannot have escaped notice. While the number of ordinations was thirty-three, the number of churches constituted was ninety-six, or nearly three to one. This fact proves a remarkable growth of the denomination; the materials exist, and churches must be gathered, even though no preachers can at present be obtained. It, at the same, time proves the unspeakable im-

portance of seeking out, and educating young men of piety and talent for the ministry.

It is well known, and deeply regretted, that no small portion of the numerical strength of our ministry is lost, through the parsimony or inability of the churches to sustain them, while they give themselves wholly to the work of their heavenly calling. The preacher should be entirely unincumbered with secular employments. The teaching of a school even, though in itself useful, will materially lessen his efficiency; and the cultivation of a farm, or any mercantile or mechanical occupation, is still worse. It is true he may preach, but he is still a *secular man*, and a thousand such, are scarcely equal to a hundred, whose whole energies and time are devoted to the instruction of the people.

If a man labor all the week, and have the fruits of his labor, it cannot be expected, nor would it be right, that he should receive a support for preaching on the Sabbath. Men, in spiritual as in temporal occupations, should be paid for what they do. If they live *wholly* for the people, the people should measure out a liberal reward. But, not a few of our ministers would gladly forsake "houses and lands" for the Gospel's sake, could they do it without actual physical suffering. And we rejoice that there are such on the lists of this Society. They are taken from their secular avocations, and given to the churches—they are as life from the dead! Thus, this Society without the powers of creation, virtually multiplies the number of ministers!

THE PRINCIPAL FIELD.

As heretofore, the chief attention of the Committee has been turned to the great valley of the West; the largest and richest portion of these United States—a valley fertile as that which skirts the Nile, and ample enough to receive into its capacious bosom a population nearly equal to the countless millions of the Celestial Empire itself. The day is hastening when the everlasting forests shall have retired to make room for a dense mass of towns, villages and cities from the Alleghanies to the Rocky Mountains, and from the Lakes to the Gulf. We believe; (faith in the promises of God forbids doubt,) that churches will adorn those cities, towns and villages. And this faith forbids inaction.

The cry from all parts of the West for help, *more help*, **HELP IMMEDIATELY**, increases in frequency, and urgency with each revolving year. What has been done, though much in itself considered, seems only to discover the nakedness of the land. It has been estimated that the annual increase of our population is 365,000, or a congregation of 1000 per day, and this is undoubtedly very far below the truth. To provide for this augmentation, would require unceasing effort. A tide of emigration from all parts of the union, like the great waves of the sea, rolls in upon those prairies and forests. Europe too, furnishes her annual quota of a *hundred and twenty thousand*, a large portion of whom bend their course to the same destination. The backwood settlements

to day, are anon, midland towns and cities.* This rapid increase will require corresponding effort. All evangelical Christians should be awake. Should the population outstrip the means of moral improvement, the disastrous consequences may easily be predicted; infidelity, perhaps in the form of a corrupted christianity, will sweep over the mass of uneducated mind, cherishing the luxuriant growth of depraved passions, and blighting all that is fair and lovely.

But this is not our only field. For, be it remembered, that if the 2000 destitute churches of this fair portion of our heritage were supplied with devoted pastors, and an indefatigable itinerant were given to every 500 souls, scattered where churches are not gathered; then the end for which this Society was organized would by no means have been attained. The British possessions stretch along our Northern frontier, from Newfoundland almost to the Pacific, and the whole is white to the harvest. The call is loud and urgent, "come over and help us." On the South are Texas and the Republic of Mexico, now both perhaps,—certainly the latter, inaccessible to the Christian Missionary, but their portals will, undoubtedly, be thrown wide open as soon as we shall be in circumstances to enter them. It is a delightful anticipation that the banner of the true cross may yet be planted in the city of Montezuma, and the blessings of the Gospel be diffused through this land, which has experienced nothing from her misnamed Christianity but treachery, and cruelty, and horrid barbarity.

FINANCES.

The receipts of the Society the past year, have been more than double those of any preceding year. Yet they have not been sufficient to enable the Committee to proceed with energy. For a time they withheld nearly all appointments; and now are enabled to report a few hundred dollars in the Treasury, simply because the Missionaries have not drawn for their dues. The liabilities of the Society are, at this time, very heavy. Were they not at all to enlarge their operations, more money would be needed the ensuing than the last year. But shall we remain stationary? Let the churches answer; let those answer to whose stewardship the Lord hath committed the silver and gold. The thought of it would be most melancholy. It must not be.

Some churches and individuals have done all that Christian principle could demand; and yet not a few, it is apprehended, have yet to pay their first dollar to this cause, which should lie most near every American heart! God calls us to a great work—to preach the Gospel at home and abroad—to bear our part *alone* in giving his unadulterated word to the families of the earth, in their own tongues. It is a work for the denomination—the *whole* denomination; and let every man see to it, that the curse of Meroz fall not upon him!

MOTIVES TO ACTION.

It was not the fear of hell, nor the hope of personal or sectarian aggrandizement, that impelled onward the great Apostle of the

entiles. It was the love of Christ that constrained him. So could every disciple seek for his highest motive in the love and command of his Savior. His frown is death, his favour is life eternal. And what men do to the least of his brethren, is received done to himself. In view of such considerations, sectarian rivalry,—emulation of others' deeds as a motive, seems contemptible. Yet one or two collateral reasons may be mentioned for turning a large share of our beneficence into this channel.

1. *The immediate productiveness of the means here expended.* Those that have gone abroad have invariably laboured long to prepare the way. But this society in a less time than they have usually consumed in breaking the *caste*, and with small expenditure pecuniary means, counts from six to eight thousand of their countrymen, translated from darkness into God's marvellous light. This is a fact that should cause reflection. Here the bread cast on the waters returns quickly and with great increase.

2. *The reaction that will be produced upon every other department of benevolence.* The present States of the Valley are destined to become wealthy and powerful. Local societies and conventions will, it is hoped, at no very distant day, supply their own destitute, and assist their feeble. Then will they join with their brethren of the older States in sending the Gospel into regions beyond them, and to the ends of the earth. Nay, they have already begun to do this. In many parts they are now raising money for the Bible, and the Tract, and Home, and the Foreign Missionary Societies. There is a characteristic spirit of enterprise in the sons of the West, that needs only to be trained and turned into the right channel, to make them valuable and powerful auxiliaries to any cause.

In a large association a strenuous effort was made, ten years ago, to raise money for some charitable purpose, and *fifty cents* only were obtained; the next year *three dollars*, and the last year *three hundred dollars*!. This is but one example. "The state of things in the West," says a correspondent who is well qualified to judge, "is assuming a more encouraging aspect every hour. The impression ought to be made deeply on all our Eastern churches, that in no way can they extend the influence, strengthen the cause, and increase the means of Foreign Missions, as by prompt, liberal, and enlarged efforts for Home Missions in the West."

America is the great seed-plot of the Gospel, and it should be well cultivated.

CONCLUSION.

In view of the interesting facts which are developing from year to year; in view of past success; the favour of God on our humble efforts; of the 3,000 destitute churches of our denomination; of the numerous reapers, with their wives and children, now in the harvest, who look to this Society for their bread; of the immense work before us; the opportunity of planting an unlimited number of churches; in consideration of the guilt that must come upon us as a denomination, if we withhold good from the perishing

when it is in our power to give; in view of the coming of the Lord Jesus, when they that have done good shall come forth unto the resurrection of life, the Committee would send forth their appeal to the churches—"men of Israel, help." And to the Society they would address themselves in the language of the Mission Board in 1817, contained in their instructions to two of the earliest Missionaries that crossed the mountains; "You have voluntarily put your hands to the plough; never, never look back."

All of which is respectfully submitted by order, and in behalf of the Executive Committee.

LUTHER CRAWFORD, Cor. Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

William Colgate, Treasurer, in Account with the American Baptist Home Mission Society, Dr.

1835.

April 6.	To Miss Lucy Swaim and others, to support a Missionary in the Valley of the Mississippi, and to constitute Rev. C. B. Shute of Boston, Life Director,	\$100 00
"	Baptist Church in Littleton, Massachusetts,	6 00
"	Medfield Baptist Missionary Society, per L. Farwell,	30 00
"	A friend in Medfield, per do.	2 00
"	Shelburne Falls, Baptist Church, per C. Alden, Esq.,	13 84
"	L. Fish, Esq., per D. Root, Esq.,	1 00
"	Missionary Society, Granville, Ohio, per Rev. H. Carr,	25 42
"	Asa F. Smith, of Newton, Upper Falls, Ms. to constitute self a Life Member,	30 00
"	A Sister in Baptist Church in Foxborough, Mass.,	1 00
"	A Friend, per Dea. Gill, of Boston,	0 50
15.	" Subscription in Rhode Island, per N. Waterman, Jr.	12 00
"	do. for balance of Life Director of the Rev. J. C. Welsh of Warren,	10 45
"	Mulberry street Baptist Church, N. Y., being half the collections at the monthly concert of prayer, per Thos. Day, Treasurer,	59 49
18.	" Perry Church, Genesee Association, per Mr. Phoenix,	20 00
"	Le Roy, do. do. do.	3 75
22.	" Young Mens' Miss. Soc. Brooklyn, to constitute Rev. L. Howard a Life Director, per J. Holden, Tr.	100 00
"	do. do. per, J. Holden, Esq., Tr.	40 00
	(of which \$30 were paid to constitute Captain J. Going, of Hinsdale, N. Y., Life Member, by his eldest son.)	
23.	" Thomas Cooper, Eatonton, Geo. per Rev. A. Sherwood,	50 00
27.	" Connecticut Baptist Convention, per J. Brown, Tr.	500 00
"	Baptist Youths' Domestic Missionary Society, N. Y., per J. Speir, Tr.,	350 00
29.	" Collections in New Jersey, per the Rev. J. C. Murphy,	94 12
May 14.	" Baptist Youths' Domestic Missionary Society, N. Y. per J. Speir, Tr.,	657 78
15.	" G. Allen being a Subscription from 12 persons in North Kingston, R. I., per N. Waterman, Jr., Tr.,	12 50
"	George Mason, Providence, do.	2 00
"	A Friend, do.	0 50
"	New Bedford Female Mite Society for the Valley of the Mississippi, per L. B. Green,	22 50
"	Hamilton Missionary Society, to constitute James McLallen, Jr., a Life Member,	30 00
"	Baptist Church at Lynn, per J. Bacheler,	100 00
"	Baptist Church and congregation, Edgefield-courthouse, S. C. per Rev. W. B. Johnson,	18 00
"	A. Sommerville, Va., per Rev. J. Mc u,	5 00

May	15.	To A. Bennet, Donation,	\$ 10 00
	"	S. Chapin, D.D., do.	5 33
	"	J. C. Crane, Esq., Richmond, Life Member,	30 00
	"	Isaac S. Tinsley, Va.	1 00
	"	Mrs. Catherine Bullock, Richmond, per R. Ryland,	5 00
	"	Rev. A. Sherwood, Ga., balance to constitute himself a Life Director,	50 00
	"	P. Harrison, Va., Donation,	5 00
	"	Rev. Matthew Bolles of Milford, N. H., to constitute himself a Life Director,	100 00
	28.	Baptist Youths' Domestic Missionary Society, N. Y. per J. Speir, Tr.,	235 00
	"	J. Handford, Stamford, Con. per Rev. J. Ellis,	1 00
	"	N. Weed, do. do.	0 50
June	4.	Connecticut State Convention, per J. Brown, Tr.,	95 16
	"	Collection taken up in Oliver street Church, New York, to assist in the outfit of the Rev. J. Mitchell,	68 50
	16.	Baptist Youths' Domestic Missionary Society New York, per J. Speir, Treasurer,	155 00
	20.	Kingston Baptist Church, N.Y., per Rev. S. H. Cone,	5 00
	"	Sand Lake, 2d Baptist Church, per do.	15 00
	29.	Collections per Rev. E. Going as Agent,	413 72
July	6.	Caleb Atherton, of Taunton, Massachusetts,	2 00
	"	Richard Allen, per Rev. J. Gilpatrick of Blue Hill, Me.	5 00
	"	J. Quincy, Esq., Treasurer of Meredith Baptist Association, N. H., to constitute him a Life Member,	30 00
	"	Baptist Church, Rumney, N. H., to constitute the Rev. Noah Nichols a Life Member, per A. Ward, Esq.	36 50
	"	Newton, Upper Falls, Ms. Baptist Western Missionary Society, per A. F. Smith Treasurer,	35 00
	"	J. Harris, Great Falls, Somersworth, N. H.	15 00
	"	Miss Hurley, do. do. do.	6 00
	"	Margaret Tibbetts, do. do.	3 00
	"	Miss Mason, do. do. do.	1 00
	"	Mrs. Clarissa Long, late of Shelburne, Massachusetts, for the propagation of the Gospel in the Valley of the Mississippi, per M. Wilder, Esq. Exec.,	37 50
	"	Baptist Church and Society, Raynham, Massachusetts, per L. Pierce, Treasurer of the Old Colony Missionary Society.	15 62
	"	E. D. Everett, for the Western Valley,	3 00
	"	Female Missionary Society, Lebanon, Me.	8 00
	"	Baptist Church in Parsonsfield, Me., per Rev. A. Goodell,	5 87
	"	John Conant, Esq., Treasurer of the Vermont Baptist Convention,	130 00
		(\$100 of which to constitute Rev. D. Packer a Life Director.)	
	"	Collected in various towns in Vermont, per Rev. J. M. Graves,	42 50
	"	L. P. Noble, N. Y.	10 00
	"	G. Scruggs, Esq., Alabama,	5 00
	"	Rev. M. Sands, New Lebanon, N.Y.	5 00
	"	P. C. of Me.,	10 00
	15.	Matthew Bolles, Jr. Esq., Boston, to constitute himself a Life Director,	100 00
	24.	Captain James Hague, N. J.	3 00
	"	Baptist Church in Lebanon, Madison County, N. Y., to constitute their pastor, the Rev. T. Merrill a Life Member, per G. G. Weeks,	30 00
	29.	Mrs. Deborah Cauldwell,	5 00
Aug.	1.	Rev. A. B. Smith, Va., Donation,	10 00
	"	Rhode Island, Convention, per N. Waterman Tr.,	29 00
	"	Medfield Baptist Church,	25 00
	"	Baptist Church, Somersworth, N. H. to constitute the Rev. A. Goodell a Life Member,	30 00
	"	Rev. I. Merriam for a Legacy of Wm. Powers, late of Hebron, N. H.	100 00

Aug.	1.	To Rev. J. Blain, Providence, R. I.	- - - - -	\$ 5 00
	"	J. Loring, Esq., Boston.	- - - - -	10 00
	"	S. Winston, per Rev. J. B. Taylor,	- - - - -	1 50
	"	Rev. E. Dennison,	- - - - -	2 00
	"	A. Z. being 2d instalment for the support of a Missionary at Griggsville, Illinois,	- - - - -	25 00
	"	M. Tunstel, per Rev. J. M. Peck,	- - - - -	1 00
	3.	" Female Baptist Missionary Society of the first Church, Providence, R. I., per L. Crawford,	- - - - -	156 50
	"	Female Baptist Missionary Society, of the second Church Providence, per Rev. L. Crawford,	- - - - -	40 00
	13.	" M. J. H. Harris, N. Y., per Rev. W. R. Williams,	- - - - -	10 00
Aug.	28.	" New York Baptist State Convention, per C. Babcock, Esq., Treasurer,	- - - - -	1000 00
Sept.	17.	" Miss Mary Dorset, Richmond, Va., per Reverend J. B. Taylor,	- - - - -	20 00
	"	Collections in New Jersey, per Rev. J. C. Murphy.	- - - - -	100 00
	22.	" Bequest of Miss Maria Curtis, late of Southbridge Mass. per E. Going,	- - - - -	200 00
	"	Bangor Missionary Society, 2nd instalment, to support R. Powell as their Missionary, per E. Going,	- - - - -	100 00
	"	N. Brown, Esq. Providence, to constitute himself a Life Director, per Rev. L. Crawford,	- - - - -	100 00
	23.	" Rev. J. Mercer, Georgia, Donation, per J. Gray,	- - - - -	50 00
	29.	" John B. Miller Sumterville, S. C. to constitute himself a Life Member,	- - - - -	30 00
Oct.	6.	" J. Spaulding, Agent, Vermont,	- - - - -	101 00
	12.	" E. Probyn, Esq., per Rev. J. Going,	- - - - -	10 00
	"	W. J. Cutting, Westport, New York,	- - - - -	5 00
	20.	" Collections in New Jersey, per Rev. J. C. Murphy,	- - - - -	108 00
	29.	" New York Baptist State Convention, per C. Babcock, Esq. Treasurer,	- - - - -	4000 00
	"	Baptist Church, Rupert, Vt., towards constituting the Rev. H. H. Haff a Life Member,	- - - - -	7 34
	27.	" Contributed by seven friends at Newton, Upper Falls, Ms. to constitute Rev. Caleb B. Davis Life Member,	- - - - -	30 00
	"	The Students of the Newton Theological Inst. collected at their monthly concert for prayer, per W. Leverett,	- - - - -	15 00
Nov.	6.	" Attleborough Female Mite Society, per H. H. Brown, Treasurer of Warren Association,	- - - - -	11 00
	10.	" Wendell Association Mass. per Rev. Thomas Rand, at the hand of Rev. J. C. Murphy,	- - - - -	39 63
	"	Collections in New Jersey, per Rev. J. C. Murphy,	- - - - -	253 41
	"	Subscriptions in Philadelphia, do.	- - - - -	15 00
	"	do. in New York State, do.	- - - - -	15 00
Dec.	17.	" J. Tucker, of Gardner Mass., per E. P. T.	- - - - -	25 00
	"	Seth Tucker, Winchendon,	- - - - -	9 00
	"	South Yarmouth Baptist Church, Mass., per Rev. S. Crowell,	- - - - -	1 88
	"	Thomas Shaw of Boston, to constitute him a Life Member,	- - - - -	50 00
	24.	" Collections in the South, per Rev. L. Crawford,	- - - - -	1380 00 ✓
	"	Infant class of the S. School of the 1st Baptist Church, Hartford, per O. A. Bolles,	- - - - -	2 00
	31.	" Deacon Elias Dimmick, Bennington, Vt.	- - - - -	15 00
	"	Baptist Church in East Bennington,	- - - - -	15 00
1836.		(the above to constitute the Rev. S. B. Willis a L. M.)	- - - - -	
Jan.	9.	" First Baptist Church in Baltimore, to constitute the Pastor, the Rev. S. P. Hill, a Life Director,	- - - - -	100 00
	"	Connecticut Baptist Convention, per J. B. Gilbert, Esq. Treasurer,	- - - - -	450 00
Feb.	2.	" Mrs. Ellis, Stamford, Ct.	- - - - -	10 00
	"	Union Baptist Association, New York,	- - - - -	82 35
	"	Dr. James Thomas, Fayette Co. Indiana, collected at Monthly Concert,	- - - - -	3 25
	"	Collection at the Western Baptist Convention, Cinn. Ohio,	- - - - -	50 25

2.	To A female Friend at Cincinnati, - - - - -	\$ 1 00
"	Subscriptions raised by J. M. Peck at the Western Baptist Convention, - - - - -	100 00
"	A Friend in Baptist Church, Orange Co. New York, -	10 00
"	A. Z. two instalments for support of a Missionary at Griggsville, Illinois, - - - - -	50 00
"	Seventh Day Baptist Church, Hopkinton, R. I. -	10 00
"	E. Loomis, Donation, - - - - -	100 00
5.	" Collections in the South, per Rev. L. Crawford, -	100 00
"	New York Baptist State Convention, per C. Babcock, Tr.	1411 00
10.	" Rhode Island Baptist State Convention, per N. Waterman Treasurer, - - - - -	18 50
13.	" Friends in Campton, N. H., per Rev. J. R. Goodno. -	32 00
15.	" A female Friend, per Dea. J. Wilson, - - - - -	1 00
25.	" Missionary Society of the North Beriah Baptist Church, per Rev. J. C. Murphy, - - - - -	100 00
"	Ezra Going, collected by him as Agent, - - - - -	140 00
r. 1.	" Heath Missionary Baptist Church, per C. Alden, Tr.	1 50
"	Colerain First Baptist Church, per do. -	23 50
"	Seabury Fish, Chester Factory, Ms., - - - - -	1 00
"	Foxboro' Mass. Baptist Church and Society, to constitute their Pastor, the Rev. T. C. Tingley, a Life Director, -	102 75
"	Miss Lucy Swaim and others, to support a Missionary in the Valley of the Mississippi, and to constitute the Rev. G. B. Ide a Life Director, - - - - -	100 00
30.	" Church in Milledgville, Georgia, to constitute their Pastor, C. D. Mallary, a Life Director, - - - - -	100 00
"	Thomas Cooper, Eatonton, Georgia, - - - - -	50 00
"	Mass. Baptist Convention, per W. D. Ticknor, Tr. -	500 00
ril 14.	" Western Association of Ladies of the first. Baptist Society in Providence, for the support of their Missionary in Arkansas, - - - - -	150 00
"	Baptist Youths' Domestic Missionary Society, per J. Spier, Treasurer, - - - - -	600 00
y 2.	" Rev. John Payne, Executor of Jemima Elliott, late of Hampton. Con., a legacy, - - - - -	100 00
"	The late Miss Eunice Clark, to constitute the Rev. T. Wightman, of Lyme Con. a Life Member, - - -	50 00
9.	" E. D. Everett, of Boston, per H. Lincoln, Esq. -	5 00
20.	" Orange Missionary Society, N. Y., per W. A. Lain, -	14 50
21.	" Rev. J. M. Timmons, Darlington, District S. C., -	55 00
"	Two Friends, per W. H. Turpin, M.D., Augusta, Ga. -	10 00
"	F. W. Fickling, Orangeburgh District, S. C., -	10 00
"	Rev. W. Biddle, - - - - -	2 00
30.	" Ezra Going, collected by him as Agent. - - - - -	75 93
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		\$16910 85
"	Balance due the Society, - - - - -	818 74

William Colgate Treasurer, in Account with the American Baptist Home Mission Society, Cr.

ril 1.	By Balance due the Treasurer this day, - - - - -	\$ 176 13
31.	" Amount paid to Missionaries, Salary of Secretaries, Travelling Expenses, Rent of Room, Postage, &c., -	15915 98
"	Balance in the hands of the Treasurer, - - - - -	818 74
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		\$16910 85

I hereby certify that I have examined the Treasurer's account, with the
 achers, and find them correct; and that there remains in the Treasury a
 ance of eight hundred and eighteen dollars and seventy-four cents.

R. GRAVES, Auditor.

ity of New York, 4th January, 1836.

APPENDIX, NO. I.

Domestic Mission labours performed by Baptist Conventions and other local Societies in the United States.

It is intended by the Executive Committee of the Home Mission Society, to enrich their Annual Reports, with a general summary of all the Home Mission efforts in the country. The value, accuracy, and extent of this summary must necessarily depend upon the materials furnished us by the several Societies themselves. A little care on the part of their Secretaries, would enable us to present to the denomination yearly a valuable digest. Our information this year is too imperfect even to hazard a conjecture as to the number of souls converted, or of churches gathered. We can speak only of the missionaries employed, and the funds expended.

MAINE.

The Convention of this state has appointed 32 missionaries, most of them for short periods, besides gratuitous missionary service rendered by 20 pastors. This Convention also appropriated \$1350 to assist Associations in supporting missionaries appointed by them. Receipts for the year, \$1873 41. Expenditures, 1499 28.

NEW-HAMPSHIRE.

Seventeen missionaries, including an agent, have laboured in the employ of the Convention of this state of whom 7 were students from N. Hampton, and 4 from Newton; they of course laboured only during vacations. The Convention also assisted 13 churches to support preaching all the time, and 20 others a part of the time. Receipts \$578,95. Expenditures \$906 75.

VERMONT.

In this State 5 missionaries have been employed, besides 4 pastors who engaged for short periods. Appropriations have been made also to 6 churches to enable them to maintain constant preaching. Receipts, including \$501 02 balance in Treasury, \$2248 20. Expenditures \$1304 01.

MASSACHUSETTS.

The Convention of this State have forty labourers under appointment. Receipts \$5046 53.

RHODE-ISLAND.

The number of Missionaries labouring in this state is 9. Receipts \$861 61

CONNECTICUT.

For Domestic Missions, their receipts in 1835, were \$644 40.

NEW-YORK.

The Convention of this state have collected during the year, \$17,636 35. They have had under appointment about 70 missionaries, who together have accomplished 40 years and 9 weeks labour, *three hundred and five* souls are reported as having been hopefully converted and baptized.

NEW-JERSEY.

The brethren in this state have sustained 6 missionaries and aided 5 churches by their appropriations. Received \$2359 56. Expended 2359 72.

PENNSYLVANIA.

The Missionary Association of Pennsylvania, has employed 18 labourers the past year. Receipts \$1800 00. The Central Union Association is also a missionary body.

VIRGINIA.

The General Association of this state employ 13 missionaries, who have baptized, the past year, 290 persons. Receipts \$2565 70. As many more were doubtless supported by other local bodies.

NORTH-CAROLINA.

The Convention of this state are sustaining 6 missionaries and agents. Receipts \$451 80.

OHIO.

The Ohio Convention and its auxiliaries have raised \$2358 88, and expended nearly the same amount; and employed 24 missionaries.

Besides the above there are Domestic Missionary Societies or Conventions in South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, Kentucky, and Tennessee, but we have not the data at hand on which to predicate an exact statement of their labours. Some of these bodies however are known to be efficient. After a careful examination of the documents we possess and from our general knowledge of those Societies, whose reports we have not, we hesitate not to say that the following is a very moderate estimate of the amount of labour and expense sustained by the Baptist denomination in the United States, the past year—apart from the American Baptist Home Mission Society, there are *three hundred and ten missionaries* employed and supported at an expense of *thirty-seven thousand dollars*; or including the Parent Society there are **FOUR HUNDRED AND TWENTY FOUR MISSIONARIES**, supported at an expense of **FIFTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS**.

NO. II.

HOME MISSIONS IN ENGLAND.

The Baptist Home Missionary Society of England, was constituted in 1797; four years only later than the date of their Society for Foreign Missions. Their receipts the last year, were nearly \$8577,00;—a sum in their opinion altogether inadequate to the wants of the country. There are "*five millions* in the kingdom for whom it is ascertained there is literally no room in our places of worship, were they disposed to attend!"

Rev. J. Edwards, and Rev. C. H. Rowe, are the Secretaries; the latter of whom devotes all his time to the service of the Society, and is occupied mostly in travelling, commending its objects to the pecuniary regards of the churches. This is a late measure, but is one of great utility.

Their labourers are not designated as missionaries as with us, but *agents*; many of whom seem to be unordained. They conduct public worship in the villages, much to the satisfaction of the people; frequently reading printed discourses. Of these agents, there are one hundred;—twenty of whom have laboured among the Highlands and Islands of Scotland.

Their labours have been blessed. During the year they gathered 7 new churches, and received by baptism more than 300 persons. Thirteen places of worship also have been erected by their instrumentality.

Our transatlantic brethren seem to have buckled on the harness for a long campaign. "Whilst there are Jews, Turks and Heathen abroad," say they, "there will be the *careless, the formalist, and the unbeliever* at home, and till these are *all converted, Home Missions will not have done their work.*"

NO. III.

PLAN OF OPERATIONS.

I. It is a primary object with the Committee, *to obtain and disseminate information*, respecting the actual moral condition of the country; particularly as to that of the Valley of the Mississippi, and more especially within the Baptist denomination.

The means suggested for effecting this are,

1. Corresponding with men of intelligence and piety.
2. The procurement of minutes, and reports of State Conventions, or other religious bodies, and all documents containing religious statistics.
3. Public addresses by the Corresponding Secretaries and other agents and missionaries of the society.
4. Through the press, by frequent publications in the periodicals under the charge of the denomination.

II. Measures will be pursued to *excite the entire Baptist community to systematic, liberal and vigorous action*, in efforts to meliorate the moral condition of the country, and to advance the spiritual prosperity of our denomination.

The numbers, intelligence, influence and wealth of our denomination allow, our duty and interest demand such increased action. The improvement of the churches, at home, while it would preserve them from retrogradation and decay, would greatly enlarge our ability to aid in this and every other enterprise of religious charity.

III. The grand purpose of our organization will be steadily regarded,—*the preaching of the gospel to every creature in our country.*

Of the regular ministration of the gospel of life and salvation, a large portion of the people in the United States are destitute. Other denominations of Christians are making noble and successful efforts; and we rejoice in their success, as far as they publish the great truths of the gospel. But the field is not less wide than it is “ripe already to harvest,” the reapers are few, and there is no reason to fear collision in so large a space of unevangelized territory. Many churches in the Atlantic states are without pastors, and there are in that region promising fields of labour, as yet wanting alike churches and pastors. But the chief attention of the society at the present period, should undoubtedly be directed to the Valley of the West.

For its supply, provisions may be made—

1. By employing ministers of suitable qualifications who may be found now resident there, but who from the necessity of pursuing some secular avocation do not as yet give themselves wholly to the work of the ministry.
2. By fixing from among our younger ministers men of piety and talent, and who have enjoyed the advantages of education, in the cities and villages of the West, having a regard to the influence which each position may exercise, from its local advantages, commercial or literary, over the cause of religion and education in the surrounding country.
3. By encouraging experienced and influential ministers, of more advanced years, who may wish to emigrate from the Atlantic states westward; and furnishing information and advice as to the most promising situations for extensive and lasting usefulness. A more equal distribution of the ministerial gifts vouchsafed to the church by its great Head should thus be sought. At present the same amount of members of Baptist churches have on the two sides of the Alleghany a very different ratio of pastors.
4. By establishing, as soon as may be, an agency or agencies in each state and territory. These, alike in diffusing and gathering intelligence, in their influence

ence upon the churches, ministers and missionaries of their several states and territories, and in the collection of funds, would, if wisely selected, prove the most efficient and economical instrumentality that could be employed.

5. By encouraging the reciprocal and friendly intercourse of the Western and Eastern Baptists, in the occasional visits of ministering brethren from the one to the other region of country.

IV. *A large amount of Funds is obviously needed*, among the indispensable means of our enterprise.

These should be sought in the following modes :

1. Through the medium of State Conventions and other local institutions for the support of Home Missions, whose resources, together with those of this society, might be increased by the co-operation of the agents, or by employing a common agent.

2. Auxiliary societies, where necessary, should be formed.

3. The corresponding secretaries will be called to travel as extensively as their other duties will permit, and to solicit collections.

4. The employment of other agents, temporary or permanent, will be required.

5. Churches may be requested to contribute by constituting their pastors life directors or life members of this society.

6. Further efforts may be made in churches by personal application to each member, on the principle of our auxiliary associations, or otherwise, to procure annual contributions to our funds.

7. Churches are requested to sustain one missionary each, under appointment and direction of the Executive Committee, at an expense suited to their ability ; in which case the correspondence of such Missionaries with their benefactors, will naturally tend to awaken and keep alive missionary feeling in the churches. So great is the difference in expense, that any annual sum from 100 to 500 dollars would answer the purpose.

8. Ministers might also, once in each year, commend the object to their people, delivering a discourse on the claims of the society.

9. Churches and congregations, benefited by aid from this society in supporting their pastor, may be stimulated to assist us, as God shall prosper them, as well by assuming at an early period the whole burden of supporting the ministry among themselves, as by contributing for the extension of similar benefits, to other and more destitute neighbourhoods.

AUXILIARIES.

The Baptist denomination has always suffered for want of some bond of union obviously proper among those who hold "one Lord, one faith, and one baptism." Home missions present the least objectionable basis for such a union ; and it is hoped, that, at no distant period, one spirit may animate the thousands of our Israel in efforts for their common interest, and in the noblest labours of love for the good of souls ready to perish. One leading object in the establishment of the A. B. H. M. Society, was to combine, in one sacred brotherhood, all the friends of Domestic Missions in the denomination throughout the United States. It proposes, therefore, to all Baptist State Conventions, and other Baptist Domestic Societies, now existing, or which may hereafter be formed, the following terms of relationship.

STIPULATIONS,

Between the American Baptist Home Mission Society and its Auxiliaries.

It is the desire of the American Baptist Home Mission Society, in the prosecution of its great object of promoting the dissemination of the gospel in North

America, not to supersede or to embarrass the operations of local societies, but on the contrary, to strengthen and stimulate them, giving to their labours greater facility and larger extension. To secure this object, they propose to the local and more limited Institutions a friendly correspondence and co-operation upon the following principles.

1. That each local society become auxiliary to this society, according to the 8th article of its constitution, by agreeing to place at the disposal of its Executive Committee, the whole of their income after defraying incidental expenses: Provided, however, that the whole, or any part of such income, that may have been reported to this society as subject to its order, be allowed to remain in the treasury of the auxiliary, if requested by their Board of Direction, for the payment of missionaries and agents as hereinafter stipulated.

2. This society shall allow the auxiliary the right to appoint, direct, and pay missionaries within their specified limits, to any amount not exceeding such income, so reported to be subject to the order of the Executive Committee of this society: Provided that the appointment of missionaries by such auxiliary shall be in the manner following, viz: A sufficient number of blank commissions shall be furnished to the auxiliary, signed by the chairman of the Executive Committee and the Corresponding Secretary of the Society, which shall be filled and countersigned by the proper officers of the auxiliary, and issued on their responsibility.

3. When the auxiliary shall report the income or receipts of the same to the Executive Committee of the parent society with the request above mentioned, the committee shall direct the Treasurer to issue an order to the directors, of the auxiliary to retain such sum for the payment of missionaries appointed and commissioned as above.

4. Should appropriations, beyond the income or receipts of an auxiliary be needed within their limits, they may be made directly by this society, or a specified sum may be committed to the auxiliary for the purpose.

5. Auxiliaries shall be governed in their appropriations by the same general principles which govern the appropriations of this society.

6. Agents for the collection of funds may be appointed by the Executive Committee of this Society, with the recommendation or consent of the auxiliary; and all agents so appointed, shall report the amount of their collections both to this society and to the auxiliary; and such agents shall receive their compensation from the auxiliary or this society, or both, in such proportions as shall be agreed on.

7. When societies become auxiliary according to the 7th article of the constitution of this Society, a definite arrangement, where practicable, shall be made between this society and such auxiliary, as to the amount or proportion of the income or receipts which each shall receive.

It is understood that the Executive Committee of the American Baptist Home Mission Society engage to perform the above stipulations with auxiliary Societies: *Provided*, that the limits of such auxiliary societies be such as in their opinion, will facilitate the operations of this society, *and provided also*, that such arrangement shall not be so construed as to debar this society from the liberty of co-operating, in the same manner, if desired, with any local society within the limits of an auxiliary, acting independently of such auxiliary; and, also, of appointing missionaries, and aiding churches in supporting ministers, within such limits, if deemed necessary.

FORM OF AUXILIARYSHIP.

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Be it remembered that the stipulations proposed by the American Baptist Home Mission Society to its Auxiliaries, were agreed to between the society and the

In witness whereof, we have subscribed our names,

Cor. Sec. of A. B. H. M. S.
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PURPOSE OF STIPULATIONS.

"1. Wherever these stipulations are adopted, they will bring the influence of the parent society to act on its auxiliaries in the matter of raising funds, and thus a principle distinctly avowed in the formation of the society, will be most securely guarded, viz : *That it was intended to encourage efficiently all local efforts for supplying to the destitute the preaching of the gospel, without the least degree of interference with them.*

"On this plan, the agent of each auxiliary will also be the agent of the parent society, and by aiming to be constantly advised of the operations and necessities of the latter, will be able to acquaint each congregation which he may address, with what the whole country is doing ; and the influence of example will be fully felt, while the general object, by being presented as *one and undivided* will assume an importance, as much superior to that exhibited by the separate claims of a local society, as the wants of a nation are more extensive than those of a single state or country ; and it is found that when facts are presented as the ground of appeal, Christians and patriots are disposed to contribute in proportion to the magnitude of the work, to be accomplished by their beneficence. In this way the resources of each local society may be greatly increased by a connexion with the parent institution.

"2. By these stipulations, each auxiliary society is left to the independent and unembarrassed exercise of all its rights, in the business of appropriating its own funds to the relief of the needy within its limits, while it secures to itself the additional opportunity of counselling in the application of other appropriations made by the parent society within the same bounds. And this is an advantage which will be very gladly yielded to local societies, whose knowledge of the work to be done in their own limits, is in all cases, much more minute and particular than can be possessed through the medium of correspondence with the parent society.

"3 These stipulations, wherever they shall be adopted, will put it out of the power of the parent institution to contravene the wishes of those whose business it is to manage the affairs, and guard the purity of the churches in the different sections of our country. Where appropriations beyond the amount contributed by an auxiliary are needed in the district of that auxiliary, the parent Society will of course find it alike convenient and necessary to consult the wishes and avail itself of the counsels of its own auxiliary.

"The general Society thus claims but to be the servant of the churches. It pretends to no ecclesiastical authority. It interferes not with the discipline or the peculiar views of doctrine, of any of our churches. The society has no charter and no funded property. It has its being only in the confidence and co-operation of the Christian public ; and should it ever, through unfaithfulness to its trust, cease to deserve these, its auxiliaries may withdraw their aid, and the society ceases to exist.

"4. The effect of the whole plan, should it be universally acted upon by the churches, will be to secure the following advantages :

"It will prevent the interference and conflicting action of a number of independent societies, occupying portions of the same field, without concert of views and without harmony of feeling. The state conventions and other local societies, will be led to supply in the first instance their own destitute ; while the general society, gathering strength from the resources of its auxiliaries, will be *the servant of all*, in conveying their surplus charities to the new and increasing fields of desolation in our frontier settlements. For this service the parent society, sustained by the co-operation here recommended, will possess peculiar advantages. Its office will be the centre of intelligence on the subject of Home Missions, and the medium, through which the numerous local societies may communicate with each other. And what gives life and energy to this whole system, is that the parent society, thus sustained, is enabled to employ permanent officers, and thus to be *in effect, constantly in session*. This is an advantage to which no local society can aspire, but which is indispensable to the prompt and successful prosecution of missions, over a field so extensive and diversified, as yet remains to be occupied by Christian zeal in this country.

"This plan is also suited to produce a uniformity of operation, and the missionaries of the auxiliaries being also the missionaries of the parent society, will be reported as such in an annual alphabetical list, with the appropriate designation of the local society which sustains them. Thus the influence of each auxiliary will be embodied, and an annual report presented, which will embrace the doings of all; and the local societies will not be regarded as rivals of each other, but as fellow labourers in the same field, and their missionaries as all belonging to the same family."

FORM OF CONSTITUTION.

Recommended for the adoption of Auxiliary Societies.

ART. I.—This Society shall be known by the name of the Baptist Domestic Missionary Society of _____, and shall be Auxiliary to the American Baptist Home Mission Society.

ART. II.—This Society shall be composed of such individuals as shall contribute annually to its funds, together with the members of the several Auxiliary Societies for Home Missions within its limits.

ART. III.—The officers of the Society shall be a President, Vice-President, a Treasurer, and a Secretary to be chosen at the Annual Meeting. These officers, together with at least one person from each of its several Auxiliaries, shall, constitute a Board of Directors of whom five shall be a quorum at any meeting regularly convened.

ART. IV.—It shall be the duty of the Board of Directors to meet at the call of the President. They shall be authorized to appoint an Executive Committee who shall adopt the most energetic measures in their power for the accomplishment of the objects of the Society, by collecting funds, disseminating intelligence, sending a deputation to all the annual meetings of their own Auxiliaries and of the parent Society, and generally using all suitable means to excite and maintain an interest in the cause of Home Missions.

ART. V.—The annual receipts of the Society, after defraying incidental expenses, shall be paid over to the Treasurer of the parent society, with directions as to the section of country in which it shall be expended in missionary labours, should the Executive Committee deem it important to give such directions.

ART. VI.—The Society shall meet as often as called by the Directors, and annually on the _____ of March, when the officers shall be elected; the accounts of the Treasurer, properly audited, shall be presented and the annual report of the Executive Committee received, and at which meeting this Constitution may be amended by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

ART. VII.—A copy of the Constitution, authenticated by the Secretary, together with the names and residences of the officers annually elected, and also a copy of each annual report shall be transmitted to the Corresponding Secretary of the American Baptist Home Mission Society.

THE FIFTH REPORT

OF THE

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

OF THE

AMERICAN

APTIST HOME MISSION SOCIETY,

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CONSTITUTION

OF THE

AMERICAN BAPTIST HOME MISSION SOCIETY.

ARTICLE I. This Society shall be called the **AMERICAN BAPTIST HOME MISSION SOCIETY**.

ARTICLE II. The great object of this Society shall be to promote the preaching of the Gospel in North America.

ARTICLE III. Any person may become a member of this Society by contributing annually to its funds : thirty dollars paid at one time shall constitute a member for life ; one hundred dollars paid at one time shall constitute a director for life ; and any person on paying a sum which, in addition to any previous contribution, shall amount to one hundred dollars, shall be a director for life ; and any Baptist Church or Association, or State Convention, or Missionary Society, that contributes annually to the objects of this Society, shall be entitled to be represented by one or more delegates in its annual meetings.

ARTICLE IV. The officers of this Society shall be a President, Vice Presidents, a Treasurer, an Auditor, Corresponding Secretaries, a Recording Secretary, and fifty Directors, who shall be annually appointed by the Society.

ARTICLE V. The Officers and Life Directors shall appoint an Executive Committee of thirteen persons exclusive of the Treasurer, Corresponding Secretaries, and the Recording Secretary, who shall be members ex-officio, residing in the city of New-York, and its vicinity, five of whom shall be a quorum regularly convened. This Committee shall have power to appoint its own meetings, form its own rules of business, and fill any vacancies which may occur during the year, and convene special meetings of the Board and of the Society ; shall appoint missionaries, and instruct them as to the field and manner of their labours ; shall dispose of the funds for the objects of the Society, provided that all moneys contributed for any specific purpose shall be faithfully applied only to that particular object ; shall create such agency or agencies for the appointment of missionaries and for other purposes as the interests of the Society may require ; and shall make an annual report of their proceedings to the Society. All the officers, executive committee, agents and missionaries of the Society shall be members of some regular Baptist Church, in general union with the body of that denomination.

ARTICLE VI. The Treasurer shall give bonds to such amount as the Executive Committee shall think proper.

ARTICLE VII. Any Baptist Missionary Society may become auxiliary, by agreeing to pay into the treasury of this Society the whole of its surplus funds, and sending to the Corresponding Secretary a copy of its constitution and annual reports, mentioning the names of its missionaries, and the fields of their operations.

ARTICLE VIII. Every Auxiliary Society who shall agree to pay the whole of its funds to this Society, shall be entitled to a missionary or missionaries, to labour in such field as it may designate, to an amount at least equal to that of its contributions : provided such designation be made at the time of payment.

ARTICLE IX. The officers of Auxiliary Societies shall be ex-officio Directors of this Society, and their members shall be members of this Society.

ARTICLE X. The annual meeting of the Society shall be held at such time and place, as the Society shall determine at a previous annual meeting, or as the Executive Committee shall determine.

ARTICLE XI. No alteration of this Constitution shall be made without an affirmative vote of two thirds of the members present at an annual meeting ; nor, unless the same shall have been proposed at a previous annual meeting, or recommended by the Executive Committee.

LIST OF LIFE DIRECTORS

AND

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CONSTITUTED BY THE PAYMENT OF ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS OR UPWARDS.

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 " Simeon J. Drake, by the 1st church and congregation, New-York
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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING.

PHILADELPHIA, April 27, 1837.

The American Baptist Home Mission Society assembled in the First Baptist church, (Rev. Dr. Brantley's,) at 3 o'clock, P. M. The President, Heman Lincoln, of Boston, took the chair, and called the meeting to order.

2. After singing an appropriate hymn, prayer was offered by A. Bennet, of New-York.

3. A committee of five persons, viz., brethren Going, of New-York, Kimball, of Mass., Sherwood, of Ga., E. B. Smith, of N. H., and J. B. Jeter, of Va., were appointed to receive and enroll the names of delegates.

4. A Committee of five persons, viz., brethren Webb, of N. J.,

Wilson, of Me., Mason, of S. C., Taylor, of Va., and Crawford, of N. Y., were appointed to nominate a Board of Officers, and an Executive Committee for the ensuing year.

5. The Treasurer being absent through indisposition, William Winterton was appointed Treasurer *pro tem*.

6. The committee on Delegates reported as follows, which report was accepted.

Maine Baptist Convention, Thomas Curtis, J. S. Maginnis.

New-Gloucester Church, Alvin Felch.

New-Hampshire Baptist Convention, E. E. Cummings, D. D. Pratt, O. Tracy. L. Tracy, E. B. Smith.

Vermont Baptist Convention, Elijah Hutchinson.

Massachusetts Baptist Convention, C. O. Kimball, G. Waters, G. B. Ide, H. Lincoln, C. Parker.

Wendell Association, S. S. Nelson.

Worcester Church, J. Aldrich.

Second Baptist Church, Springfield, J. M. Graves.

Union Association, Conn., J. G. Collom, J. Warren, L. Cole, E. Warner.

North Stonington Church, Alfred Gates.

First Church, Stonington, J. S. Anderson.

New-York Missionary Convention, N. Kendrick, J. Peck, A. M. Beebe, E. Kingsford, L. Leonard, T. Wilkes, A. Perkins, S. H. Cone, H. Safford, D. Putnam, J. Waterman, I. S. Gifford, J. B. Worden, J. W. Taggart, E. Galusha, W. Arthur, J. S. Bacon, J. R. Ludlow, D. Hascall, S. Ingham, W. Colgate, A. Smith, J. Smitzer, W. Clark.

Hudson River Association, S. H. Cone, R. F. Winslow, B. T. Welsh, C. G. Sommers, B. M. Hill, A. L. Covell, S. Wilson, W. R. Williams, J. W. Greene.

Conference of Baptist Ministers, New-York city, Z. Grenell, J. Dowling, C. W. Denison, H. H. Card.

Brooklyn Youth's Dom. Miss. Society, S. Halsey, O. Winslow, L. Crawford.

Staten Island Baptist Church, S. White.

Armenia Church, L. W. Webster.

North Church, N. York city, I. W. Townsend.

Balston Spa Church, C. B. Keyes.

La Ray Church, T. A. Warner.

Bordentown Church, N. J. J. C. Harrison.

Philadelphia Association, J. M. Linnard, J. H. Kennard, Joseph Miles, J. Estep, Joseph Walker, J. J. Woolsey, G. W. Donoyhue, Horatio G. Jones, Samuel Huggens, A. D. Gillett, R. Babcock, Jr. J. Jones, J. Taylor, J. M. Pugh, J. P. O'Ellers, I. James, F. Lee, G. McCloud, T. P. Shearborne, J. Reynolds.

Central Union Association, Pa. W. T. Brantley, G. I. Miles, B. R. Loxley, C. Wilson, C. Moore, W. Mall, L. G. Beck, N. Stetson, D. A. Nichols.

Bridgewater Association, Dimmock, Rand, Worden, Parker, Jones, Clark, Mott, Gray, A. L. Post, Sturdevant, Wilson, Chamberlain.

Virginia Baptist Convention, Adams, Hume, J. C. Crane, Ball, Taylor.

South Carolina, Thomas, Mason.

Convention of Western Baptists, A. Wilson.

Tennessee, Samuel Love.

Michigan Baptist Convention, John Booth.

7. The Treasurer's Report was read by Wm. Winterton, which, on motion of John Smitzer was accepted and ordered to be printed.

8. The Report of the Executive Committee was read by L. Crawford, one of their secretaries.

9. A resolution to accept and publish the Report was moved by Wm. Hague, of Boston, and seconded by Duncan Dunbar of New-York, and passed.

10. Francis Wayland, President of Brown University, moved the following,

RESOLVED, That the civil and political benefits to be derived from religion, constitute a strong incentive to effort, to spread its influence through our country. **Passed.**

11. John Peck, of New-York, moved the following, seconded by A. Bennett,

RESOLVED, That in all the fluctuations of human affairs, religion should be *first* to participate in our prosperity, and the *last* to experience retrenchment in the day of adversity. **Passed.**

The above resolutions were accompanied by able and interesting addresses from brethren Hague, Wayland, Peck, and Bennett.

12. A collection was taken up amounting to \$100 62.

13. The Committee on nominations reported, and the report accepted,—

President.

HERMAN LINCOLN, of Massachusetts.

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Josiah Quincy, of New-Hampshire.
J. H. Cotton, of Vermont.
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P. P. Runyon, of New-Jersey.
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Jos. S. Walter, of Penn.
C. Wingate, of Kentucky.
William Crane, of Maryland.
Jesse L. Holman, of Indiana.
Frances Dunlavey, of Ohio.
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V. M. Mason, of Virginia.
Wm. Hooper, of North Carolina.
Caleb Eldred, of Michigan.
Wm. Winterton, of New-York.
E. Robinson, of Louisiana.
Jarvis Ring, of New-Brunswick.
Edward Manning, of Nova Scotia.
Thomas N. King, of Mississippi.
Jonathan Bacheller, of Mass.
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James Vanderpool, of New-Jersey.
James Wilson, of Md.
Wm. Duncan, of Pa.
Joseph Miles, of Pa.
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Hubbell Loomis, of Illinois.	Wm. F. Broadbush, of Virginia.
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Jesse Mercer, of Georgia.	H. Smalley, "
Thomas Meredith, of North Carolina.	W. B. Johnson, South Carolina.
Stephen Chapin, District of Columbia.	F. A. Willard, of Massachusetts.
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Charles G. Sommers,	William Winterton,
Duncan Dunbar,	Timothy R. Green,
W. R. Williams,	William Colgate,
George Benedict,	J. A. Miller.
John Dowling,	
J. Going,	} <i>Ex-Officio.</i>
Luther Crawford,	
J. C. Murphy,	
R. W. Martin,	

14. Voted, that when the society adjourn, it adjourn to the call of the President.

Prayer by bro. Mason of S. Carolina.

Adjourned.

Sabbath Evening, April 30.

15. Society met by call of the President. After devotional services, and an abstract of the Report of the Executive Committee by J. Going, one of the Secretaries, the meeting was addressed by brethren Samuel Love, missionary agent from Tennessee; John Booth, missionary agent from Michigan; Hiram Gear, missionary from Marietta, Ohio, and Parkersburg, Va.; Lewis Leonard, agent of the N. Y. State Convention, and Chas. O. Kimball, Secretary and agent of the Mass. State Convention.

The occasion was one of a highly interesting character. All seemed impressed with the importance of the cause.

Adjourned indefinitely.

REPORT.

APPY is that people whose God is the Lord." The prevailing taste of the present day seems to demand for its gratification something that is bold and novel; nor is it so much offended by the marvellous, as with the ordinary and more useful. Such is your Executive Committee cannot, in their present report, to gratify. In the even tenor of the most prosperous religious institutions, as in the most eminent pastoral life, there is only but little of rare incident or of striking adventure. Yet the committee flatter themselves, that for those who can rejoice in the developments of a steady permanent growth; in the noise-powerful, onward march of christian principle, there will not be wanting occasion for gratitude to Almighty God in the retrospection of the past year.

They begin with the organization and labours of the

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

This Committee is appointed by the officers and life directors of the Society, and consists of thirteen persons, exclusive of the Secretaries and Treasurer, who are members ex-officio. Ten of them, the last year, were ministers and six laymen. Upon them devolve the appointment and instruction of missionaries and the collection and disbursement of funds, and the management of the Society's whole affairs. They have held meetings for the transaction of business at their office in Clinton Hall, on alternate Monday, making 26 sessions during the year. The business for this Committee is usually prepared by two sub-committees—one on agency and finance, and the other on mis-

AGENCIES.

Heretofore, this department has not been filled as the good cause demanded, for want of suitable men. Horace A. Fox has served the Society ten and a half months in the states of Connecticut, Rhode-Island, Vermont, Virginia and North Carolina. He then resigned to accept a Professorship in the Wake Forest Institute, located in the state last mentioned. His agency has been quite successful and satisfactory. John Peck of New York, and Charles O. Kimball, of Massachusetts, supported by their respective Conventions, have laboured through the year with indefatigable zeal, and commendable success. George F. Mans, of Baltimore, has also performed a short, but successful agency in Maryland and Virginia.

Five missionary agents have been employed, viz. John M. in Illinois and Missouri. Repulsed at an early period of his engagement by a bilious attack, this brother was obliged to

retire from the inevitable fatigues of a frontier agency, and subsequently has served the cause chiefly by an extensive correspondence. Ebenezer Loomis laboured with his accustomed ardour for a short period in the state of Ohio. Reuben Winchell has been most profitably employed in visiting the churches, and moulding into shape the crude elements of the Baptist fraternity in Upper Canada. Moses Lemen and Joel Sweet have been partially sustained for a similar purpose in Illinois. A missionary of the Society, Thomas Hill, jr. has also been dismissed that he might become the agent of the General Association of Indiana. All these devote themselves, more or less exclusively, to the collection of funds for their respective auxiliary institutions. This we consider of vital importance, that the brethren in the mission-fields may learn to do for themselves, and experience the blessing not only of him who receives, but also of him who gives.

In our organization, it is moreover contemplated that the Secretaries will also be agents. Under ordinary circumstances, one man is sufficient to conduct the business at the rooms. In consequence of editorial labours which have been devolved upon him, the senior Corresponding Secretary has been more confined the past year to this department of service, and his journeyings more abridged than was originally anticipated. The junior Corresponding Secretary has been absent about five months, and travelled as many thousand miles during that time, first, to the extreme eastern limits of our Union, and then, *via* Virginia, west as far as Indiana. The principal object in his eastern tour was to solicit funds; in his western, to attend public meetings. While at the Rooms, he has conducted the correspondence of the Society, and prepared the business for the action of committees.

In addition to these labours, both the Secretaries have preached nearly as much as settled pastors ordinarily do.

The Recording Secretary, who is also one of our most efficient agents, has made collections in New-Jersey, and partially in the city of New-York. But by repeated providential hindrances, the last of which was the fracture of his thigh, occasioned by a fall upon the ice, the Society has been deprived of his valuable labours nearly one half of the year. This deprivation has been seriously felt by our treasury.

MISSIONARIES.

As the Executive Committee issue commissions only for the period of one year at a time, the necessity of reappointment is frequent. The number of new appointments during the year has been forty-three, of whom five for various reasons did not accept, and some of the others have not yet reached their respective destinations.

The names of your missionaries, and their fields of labour, will be seen in the following

T A B L E .

NAMES.	FIELDS OF LABOUR.
Gardner Bartlett	Knox County, Illinois
Wm. Kinner	Morgan County, Illinois
Caleb Green	Trumbull County, Ohio
Hiram Gear	Marietta, Ohio, and Parkersburg, Va.
William Rees	Delphi, Carroll County, Indiana
William Spencer	Jacksonville, Sangamon County, Illinois
John Logan	M'Donough County, Illinois
William Sedwick	Zanesville, Muskingum County, Ohio
Ezra Fisher	Quincy, Adams County, Illinois
Jacob Bower	Manchester, Morgan County, Illinois
Elijah Dodson	Woodburn, Illinois
Alvin Bailey	Carrollton, Illinois
Moses Lemen	Missionary Agent, Illinois
John M. Peck	Rock Spring, Illinois
Lewis Williams	St. Louis County, Missouri
James Williams	Potosi, Washington County, Missouri
Henry Carr	Akron, Portage County, Ohio
Amasa Clark	Hiram, Ohio
Peter Chase	Lower Canada
William F. Misseldine	Ohio
David Orr	Strawberry, Lawrence County, Ark.
Henry J. Hall	Greenfield, Lagrange County, Indiana
W. W. Tucker	Potosi, Washington County, Missouri
William A. Bronson	Dexter, Washtenaw County, Michigan
Daniel Palmer	Printers Retreat, Switzerland Co. Ind.
Jacob Price	Edwardsburg, Michigan
James Hovey	Ohio
Kemp Scott	Missouri
Joseph Gambell	Mt. Blanc, Michigan
John Peck	Agent, New-York
Nathaniel Richmond	Pendleton, Madison County, Indiana
Joshua E. Ambrose	Plainfield, Cook County, Illinois
Ebenezer Loomis	Agent, Ohio
William Geary	Upper Canada
Joel Sweet	Agent, Illinois
Thomas Bodley	Windfield, Monroe County, Michigan
William Gildersleeve	Ohio and Indiana
John Clark	Illinois
Nathan West	Canton, Illinois
Robert Powell	Michigan
Bezaleel Hill	Dover, Ohio
John Micou	Louisville, Winston County, Mississippi
Samuel Love	Knoxville, Knox County, Tennessee
Robert Turnbull	Detroit, Michigan
Jesse M. Chapman	Macomb, M'Donough County, Illinois
Jeremiah Hall	Kalamazoo, Kalamazoo Co. Michigan
William Rees	Brantford, Upper Canada
George Mathews	Lawrenceburg, Indiana
Thomas Hill, jr.	Paris, Jefferson County, Indiana
A. P. Williams	Franklin Mission Association, Missouri
Timothy R. Cressey	Columbus, Ohio
Jacob Morris	Trumbull County, Ohio
Benoni Allen	New Alexandria, Pennsylvania
Amos Stevens	Rutland, Meigs County, Ohio
John Mitchell	Saline, Michigan
Eber Crane	Franklin, Portage County, Ohio
Robert T. Daniel	Paris, Henry County, Tennessee
Calvin Greenleaf	Griggsville, Illinois
Thomas C. Townsend	Franklin, Marion County, Indiana
Isaac T. Hinton	Chicago, Illinois
Jeremiah Burns	Tennessee

	NAMES.
62	Timothy Spaulding
63	Henry McElmary
64	A. B. Hubbard
65	Jonathan G. Porter
66	• John O. Birdsall
67	• Jacob Ambler
68	Reuben Winchell
69	Benjamin Clark
70	Thomas Hughes
71	George F. Adams
72	Norman Parks
73	Eliphalet Williams
74	• Judah L. Richmond
75	Robert Adams
76	Thomas Y. R. Jones
77	William J. Cooley
78	Nathan Arnett
79	James Newton
80	Horace A. Wilcox
81	Edward Hodge
82	Supply Chase
83	Moses Wares
84	James Condiff
85	John B. Graham
86	A. R. Hinckley
87	William Frazer
88	John Booth
89	William H. Duvall
90	Rolla J. Smith
91	Silas Barnes
92	Oren N. Sage
93	Thomas Powell
94	• Alonzo Wheelock
95	Abner Goodell
96	Charles O. Kimball
97	S. S. Whitman
98	William Nolen
99	• Peter Robinson
100	• D. C. Waite
101	J. C. Allison
102	Alexander Evans
103	Robert M. Wilber
104	• Brownell Everts
105	William Shadrach
106	George C. Sedwick
107	John E. Maxwell
108	— Jordan
109	Charles W. Demison
110	Benjamin Brierly
111	Richard Griffing
112	N. G. Chase
113	• Reuben Morey
114	Thomas Rand
115	William Macom
116	J. D. Crabs
117	J. D. Newell
118	E. Macomber
119	E. D. Owen
120	Joseph Mettam
121	John Butler
122	B. F. Brabrook

	FIELDS OF LABOUR.
	La Porte, Laporte County, Indiana
	Greenville, Missouri
	Du Page, Will County, Illinois
	Oplain, Illinois
	Perrysburg, Ohio
	Jonesville, Michigan
	Lockport, Upper Canada
	Arkansas
	Radnor, Ohio
	Baltimore, Maryland
	Warsaw, Hancock County, Illinois
	Franklin, Ripley County, Indiana
	Jefferson, Ashtabula County, Ohio
	Bear Creek, Michigan
	Cold Water, Branch County, Michigan
	Illinois
	Illinois
	Milton, Wayne County, Ohio
	Agent
	Adrian, Lenawee County, Michigan
	Mt. Clemens, Michigan
	Wood County, Ohio
	Missouri
	Arkansas
	Sparta, Dearborn County, Indiana
	Brodalbane, Upper Canada
	Missionary Agent, Michigan
	Martineau, Cole County, Missouri
	Southington and Bristol, Ohio
	Aurora, Portage County, Ohio
	Massillon, Starke County, Ohio
	Vermillionville, Illinois
	Missionary Agent, Michigan
	Apptd. to Ia. left for agency of Ky. Con.
	Supported by Massachusetts Convention
	Kishwaukee, Wisconsin Territory
	Marion County and vicinity, S. Carolina
	Burlington, Des Moines, Wisconsin Ter.
	Illyria, Lorain County, Ohio
	St. Catharine's, Upper Canada
	Des Moines County, Wisconsin Ter.
	Warren County, Illinois
	Manchester, Michigan
	Alleghanytown, Pennsylvania
	Wheeling, Virginia
	Toronto and Nelson, Upper Canada
	Raleigh, North Carolina
	Wilmington, Delaware
	Dover, New-Hampshire
	Milwaukee, Wisconsin Territory
	Michigan City, Indiana
	Madison, Indiana
	Agent
	Missouri
	Salem, Washington County, Indiana
	Rushville, Schuyler County, Illinois
	Meadville, Crawford County, Pa.
	Springfield, Clarke County, Ohio
	Pikesville, Maryland
	Thurlow, Upper Canada
	St. Louis, Missouri

Hence it appears that, including six missionaries employed by our auxiliary, the Rocky River Association,* in Ohio, who rendered nearly four years service, there have been during the whole or part of the year 129 missionaries and agents labouring in twelve different states and territories, and two British provinces. The aggregate amount of their labour is eighty-nine years. They have supplied with the word of life, as near as our returns will enable us to say, 247 churches and congregations, besides traveling far and wide through the destitute and sparsely settled regions where society is mostly unorganized.

FRUITS OF LABOUR.

It is well known, for it has been a subject of deep lamentation with the pious in most parts of our country, that the last has not seen a year of the right hand of the most High. There have been but few revivals. Though our missionaries, like others, have felt and deplored the chilling influence of the prevailing apathy, yet they have not been permitted to utter the complaint unmitigated, to whom hath the arm of the Lord been revealed? To say nothing of large numbers to whose hopeful conversion their ministrations have been rendered effectual by the Spirit, their returns, which are very imperfect, show that they have added 1332 to the churches; of whom 873 were on profession of faith in Christ, and 459 by letter. They have assisted in the ordination of 27 candidates to the ministry, and in the constitution of 33 churches. The germs of these churches were generally brethren who had removed from other parts, and who needed the energy and care of some fostering hand from abroad to collect and incorporate the scattered members into one body.† While we rejoice in the multiplication of evangelical churches, each of which is destined, we would trust, to become a light in the world, it is with the most painful solicitude that we inquire, who of their sons shall take them by the hand and lead them in the paths of truth and salvation.

REVIVALS.

Though a time of great dearth through the land, not a few congregations have enjoyed a day of precious visitation.

Your missionary, A. P. Williams, informs the Committee that on a tour of protracted meetings that were held by himself and coadjutors in the churches of the Franklin Mission Association, in

* The Missionary Board of this Association is composed of laymen, and is a very efficient body. Their expenditures the last year have been \$765, including \$100 received from the parent society.

† Your missionary, George Mathews, of Lawrenceburg, Ind., writes—
"There are 144 families in this town, the heads of which are from *twenty-three different states, territories, kingdoms, and provinces!* Here are 130 professors belonging to *ten different denominations*. Out of 390 children and youth, but 104 attend week-day school."

Missouri, there were upwards of *two hundred* conversions ; to *one hundred and twenty-seven* of the converts he himself administered the ordinance of baptism. In this district there have been 308 hopeful conversions during the year.

Your missionary at Dexter, Michigan, writes under date of Sept. 6, "The religious state of things is more pleasant than when I last wrote. Here are at present favourable signs of a revival. Seriousness is manifested by the unconverted ; our congregations are crowded, solemn and attentive."

Joel Sweet, missionary agent in Illinois, says, March 22, 1837, "The Lord is reviving his work in many churches. May he grant us all more grace."

"In reviewing the past three months," says J. O. Birdsall, stationed at Perrysburg, Ohio, March 3, 1837, "I feel that I have abundant occasion to thank God and take courage. As the fruits of the revival I have had the happiness to baptize twelve into the fellowship of the infant church here."

From Brodalbane, U. C., William Fraser, missionary at that place, writes, "We have lately held a protracted meeting of great interest, and I humbly hope of lasting benefit to the church and congregation of this place, and to a great many strangers from twenty, thirty, and some from even fifty miles distant. A number have professed a good hope through grace.

We might multiply instances of equal interest, illustrative of the grace of God on the Society's efforts, but we pass to notice a few

INTERESTING CASES OF CONVERSION.

"Here I would mention," says S. Love, of East Tennessee, "by way of encouragement and thankfulness to God, the baptism of brother J. He is the principal merchant in Clinton, the shire-town of Anderson county, and had been a wholesale trafficker in distilled liquors. He became awakened to the evil of this branch of his business, as well as to a sense of his danger as a sinner. After obtaining hope of pardon through Christ, he renounced his unhal- lowed traffic, followed his Master through the liquid grave, and is now much devoted to the cause of religion and to the benevolent efforts of his denomination."

One of the subjects of the work of grace, in Perrysburg, O. was a member of the Romish church. "She was awakened," says brother B. "at the commencement of the protracted meet- ing. She said her heart was very heavy, and she felt very hum- ble, but could find no relief. In the course of the meeting I visited her in company with —, since deceased. She told us the same pitiful story of her heavy heart and burdened soul, and that prayer afforded her no relief. It occurred to inquire *to whom she prayed*. She replied, "*to the blessed Virgin, the mother of God.*" We taught her the sin and folly of this, directed her to

look to Christ above for salvation, prayed with her and left her. In a few days she was rejoicing in hope of salvation.

Your missionary at Mt. Clemens, Mich., relates a case in which a woman had attended worship but two or three times, and then by urgent solicitation, since she had been in the place. As she neglected the sanctuary, God prepared other means to affect her insensible heart. A funeral procession of a young lady passed her dwelling; it caught her eye, and immediately truth was sent home to her heart. She sat down and wept. Her sins appeared in all their magnitude. Under proper instructions, in about a week, she found peace through the blood of Immanuel. Though stormy and severe was the day appointed for her baptism, her love to the Saviour would not permit her to delay, and as she rose from the liquid grave she broke forth in exclamations of praise.

Another missionary, in the far off wilds of Missouri, informs us of a man whose head had grown white in skepticism, and who for twenty years had opposed his companion in life with all the virulence of infidelity in her wishes to associate in profession with the people of God. But through abounding grace, his "enmity" has been subdued, his wife and children have gone on their way rejoicing, and at the date of our information he was waiting to complete the scene of "household baptism."

The following account furnished by Brother S. though it discloses no conversions, is of thrilling interest.

An effort was made the last winter to supply all the destitute families in Muskingum County, O. with the "book by inspiration given." It fell to the lot of our informant, with another, to supply the town of Z. In this town, were several families of Dutch Catholics. By way of experiment, *one* copy of the Dutch Bible was procured, and presented to one of the males, who could read, with the request that if he should not like it, or if any objection should arise to his keeping it, he should return it. He accepted, and read it, and being pleased with its contents, invited his neighbours to his house to hear it. They now collect on Sundays for this purpose. On one occasion, a discussion arose, "How is it that people in this country can afford to buy Bibles and give them away?" "It is a free country," said one, better versed in these matters than the rest, "and every one can do as he pleases with his money. Some give their money to send missionaries to preach; some to educate poor children; others to purchase and give away Bibles." At this explanation, they all clapped their hands for joy that they had reached to this good country.

FRONTIER HARDSHIPS.

Though it is the love of Christ, and not commiseration in the trials of his servants, that should be our propelling motive to ac-

tion, yet it may be salutary for us to know something of the *hardness* OUR BRETHREN are called to *endure, as good soldiers of Christ*. Nor is it easy for those who dwell in their ceiled houses, and are accustomed to the refinements of society, to appreciate their sacrifices of ease and property.

“Fancy to yourself,” says one on the west of the Mississippi, “fancy to yourself a man obliged to ride through a rough country, and over miserable roads from 30 to 50 miles in a day ; without where to lay his head ; to preach perhaps to ten or a dozen members in open houses, and be exposed to all kinds of weather, dangers and difficulties ; to be opposed and maligned by those calling themselves the children of God, and accused of preaching for lucre’s sake ; and you have some idea of a missionary.”

Another writes from Ohio, “I have happened to be out in nearly all the severe snow-storms we have had. I have faced the cold northwest blast nearly all day, and then slept the coldest nights in an open cabin loft. When I have reached home, I have been unable to turn in my bed for nearly a week with severe pains in my bones, occasioned by exposure ; but when the time came for me to start for some other point, I have braced up and endured the cold again.” This might be a profitable theme of musing for some of your contributors on a long winter’s evening as they surround the blazing hearth, and listen to the harmless howlings of the angry storm about their comfortable dwellings !

“If in this life only” says one in Missouri, “we have hope in Christ, we are of all men the most miserable.”

After enumerating all the fatigues and exposures incident to a new country, “these things,” says another, “are not my greatest trials ; I have been accustomed to these from my youth ; but after having done all, it is hard to be called by professed Baptists, a gospel speculator, labouring for the fleece and not the flock.”

Yet it must not be supposed that these brethren, though tired in, are all of them tired of their work. “Believe me,” says one, and he is mouth for many, “though a missionary encounters many difficulties, I am almost ready to say,

In these regions let me labour,
To poor sinners let me toll,
How he died, the blessed Saviour,
To redeem a world from hell.”

GENERAL PROGRESS OF THE CAUSE.

Notwithstanding the privations, and labours, and taunts your missionaries have to endure, they are permitted this joy, to see the Lord’s work prospering in their hands. A comparison of the past with the present, is most encouraging. Time was when the great body of professing people were opposed to every project for *the improvement of society in religion and morals*.

Now, though there are adversaries, most of our missionaries, and hundreds of others who are not aided by mission funds, have their Sabbath Schools and Bible Classes, and Temperance Societies, in connexion with their churches; and Home Missions, and Foreign, and Bible Societies, and Tracts, have their zealous advocates and faithful supporters. Division, it is true, has in some instances ensued; a circumstance, perhaps, not to be regretted.* The truth is, when the whole camp of our Israel was at rest, all were content to remain, but when they took up their line of march to leave the wilderness, the aliens "who were not of us" like Hobab,† chose to go back, and die in the land of darkness in which they were born. But the cause must go on; and most of our correspondents mention its cheering progress.

John M. Peck, whose long residence west of the mountains, entitles his opinions to great weight, remarks, "The time was when not another man besides myself and colleague, brother J. E. Welsh, in the two states (Illinois and Missouri) of any denomination, could be found to take a bold and active stand in any of the benevolent movements of the age or country. Now I can count up zealous, active, laborious, and successful men by scores. We can rally fifteen or twenty western men at our conventions, and about as many more from the East. Other denominations, too, have grown strong and active.

Every dollar you have expended, or may yet expend in Home Missions, or any other labours among Baptists, will soon return with a hundred and a thousand fold."

"We know not how," says the Report of the Franklin Mission Society, Mo. "to express our gratitude to God for having put it into your hearts to afford us the aid you have for four years past. You have, through your missionaries, planted the standard of Immanuel deep in our country—so deep, that all the efforts of infidels and anti-mission men, and the Prince of darkness himself, cannot overturn it. Our cause is breaking forth on the right hand and on the left, and the Macedonian cry is every where heard, come and help us."

A missionary in the southern part of Indiana, writes, "The churches and ministers in years past, have been opposed to almost every means calculated to promote their prosperity, but now they are ripe for change, and all they want is more light. All the ministers

* A church in Indiana, the last winter, excluded their worthy pastor for the heresy of being friendly to missions. They chose another, sound in their own faith, but he fell into the same heresy. The church then voted to grant liberty of conscience!

A missionary, who four years ago was excluded from a church on the military tract," for having a heart to weep over ruined man, and a hand to help him, was recalled the last summer.—These facts mark the progress of public opinion.

† Hobab probably repented and went with Moses—a good example for others who have said *we will not go*.

in this association, with one or two exceptions, are in favour of benevolent effort, and the leaven is working rapidly in the churches."

In Upper Canada, the progress has not been less rapid. Says brother Fraser of Brodalbane, "I have lately had a tour to the southeast of the county, and part of the Lower Province. On the whole, there is a good deal of reformation in these parts since I first visited them three years ago. Then there was an almost universal reign of spiritual death; but since, a number have been converted and baptized, prayer-meetings have been set up, and there is much inquiry among the people." Thus, if we look at the number of souls converted, of churches planted, of ministers ordained, of institutions, literary, religious or philanthropic, established, we are constrained to acknowledge our gratitude for *what God hath wrought!* But your Committee are constrained to notice one

CAUSE OF RETARDATION.

Those who have been engaged in the melioration of the social and religious state of man, have ever met with strong antagonist influences. In reviewing the past year, your Committee observe one counteracting influence, which has operated with uncommon force and universality,—they mean, *the mania of getting rich*. We know not that the American people are comparatively more avaricious than others, but one thing is palpably evident; the demon of avarice, the intoxicating spirit of mammon, has for a few years past, been let loose upon the whole nation,—upon all classes and conditions, from the day-labourer, to the overgrown capitalist, within and without the pale of the church. And it so happens, that the height of the crested surge, and the depth of the undulation (we hope it will go no lower) have fallen within our last fiscal year. It has had a triple action upon the society, and in each mode superlatively injurious.

1. *On the collection of funds.* When purchase and sale were rife, when investments of any kind were sure of high advances, when a man could not make so foolish a venture, but some one could be found to give him a handsome per centage for his bargain, men could not be easily prevailed upon to part with any of their capital for the cause of God. Funds and credit must both be used to the last fraction. All obligations to the cause of Christ were seemingly cancelled with promises of future liberality, when the soul should have much goods laid up in store. But the ship that trembles on the fearful summit of the mountain wave, again trembles under the pressure of the enclosing billows. So in this case. Those who a few months gone by had every thought absorbed in sudden wealth, lots, lands, notes and bonds, then *would not*, now cannot, give liberally to objects of benevolence.

that is, being interpreted, the world first, the world next, and religion not at all. This state of things has, of course, very materially affected the amount of our receipts. And we have been obliged to regulate our responsibilities accordingly.

2. Owing to several causes, covetousness, the root of all, and speculation, its most flourishing upas branch, the price of every article of consumption, apparel, rents, and travelling expenses has been enhanced from twenty-five to one hundred per centum. Of course, a corresponding increase in the salaries of missionaries and agents has been indispensable. Hence while the society has had less to do with, it has had more to do. And if there had not been an increasing disposition and ability in the mission churches to help, your missionaries must in spite of all your committee could do, have heard their children cry for bread.

3. This state of things has, as might have been anticipated, turned the hearts of men against the word of God. No man can serve two masters. The love of the world is incompatible with the love of the Father. And therefore it is, that under the unrestrained influence of the deceitfulness of riches, the word has been choked and rendered unfruitful. Wisdom hath uttered her voice most in vain, and the complaint—"who hath believed our report," has come up from all parts of the land, from Maine to Louisiana, and from Louisiana to Wisconsin.

"It is true," says a labourer* in Ohio, "the spirit of speculation is beginning to subside in the churches! still, they are now feeling the reacting influences of an excitement which had well nigh borne them to the summit of insanity. In some instances, a moral lethargy which has succeeded the mania of speculation, so great, that it seems to have crushed every holy aspiration of soul after the true riches. Disappointment, and, in some instances, dejection, have taken the place of their blasted anticipations of wealth."

Another from Northern Illinois, writes, "here are discouragements peculiar to western towns, at least *in degree*. They are chiefly two; the perpetually changing character of our congregations, and the intoxicating effects of speculation on the public mind."

Another writes from Michigan—"In removing so far as many who come into this country, and in becoming settled after they get here, there is necessarily much to engross the mind and chain it down to earth. But this is not the greatest evil that befalls any; there is one of more fatal tendency, which is, *a making haste to be rich*. The spirit of speculation pervades all classes and pro-

* A right hand man of this brother's, a *wealthy deacon* and a temperance man withal, deserted him and the cause, and the house of God, with his family, and took a large Village Inn, a portion of whose revenue was derived from the sale of rum. Alas! for poor human nature!

essions of men, and this more than any thing else that has fallen under my observation, destroys the peace and chills the affections of the Christian, and draws him aside from the faith of the gospel, and hurries souls down to eternal ruin.

“It is to be lamented,” he continues, “that many who were active and useful in our eastern churches, on coming here immediately give themselves up to worldliness, withhold their letters, nor do they scarcely make *themselves known as professors—thus denying their Lord.*”*

But a correspondent in Mississippi even more forcibly attests the perils that await the emigrant; the migratory fortune hunter. The highest office-bearers of the church, it seems, have sometimes been swept away by the tide.

“In a new country like this, the public mind is awake to enterprise. Speculation is so rife, it requires a *preacher* of more than ordinary firmness and piety—one hating covetousness, to withstand the many temptations that will surround him. I have known several young men of other denominations, who on their first arrival here, bid fair to stand against these temptations, but alas! they fell into the fashions of the country, buying and selling lands, negroes, town lots, &c. I do not say they have apostatized, but have become secularized and unfruitful.”

Such has been the threefold influence of the pecuniary derangement on the progress of our society—on collections, on salaries, and most of all, on the conversion of souls. The whole land from north to south, is now groaning under the inflictions of Divine providence, temporally and spiritually, for our rashness and impiety. Happy will it be for us, if we learn a simple lesson, which has been a thousand times repeated and demonstrated, that a man’s life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth. Covetousness, the cause of these sorrows, is a sin of great moral turpitude, is IDOLATRY; and the covetous, whether in a Christian church or pagan temple, are *idolaters*. Conceal it by what name we may, means to sustain our station, provision for old age, or for children, or for the unforeseen accidents of life, be that holds his property against the calls of religion and humanity, with the grasp of desperation, is in the sight of heaven, an impure degraded son of Belial; though in the sight of the world, he may

* The writer thus philosophizes; “The first step towards this declension is found in the motive that leads them to this country, viz. *to amass wealth*. Brother A. hears that Mr. B. who removed to the west a year or two since, has advanced his property astonishingly, and is every day getting rich. Mr. C. also, who could scarcely make a living at the east, and had to purchase land on credit, has made his thousands on the rise of property. Bro. A. begins to meditate a removal, and arranges his affairs accordingly. His imagination is filled with feverish dreams of wealth, and every report raises his anticipations and fans the flame. Thus before he leaves his home, the spirit of religion leaves him, and when he gets here the responsibilities of his holy profession are forgotten. He serves another God, one mammon.”

ing in splendour! How inconsistent that he should
 cupidity and alienation of heart under a profession of
 violent religion of Jesus!

Christian church, it is believed, as a body, in her struggles
 ns, has too much overlooked the practical requisitions
 anity; and perhaps it is not too much to say, no church
 und which *acts* on the principle of a *full and unreserved*
 on of the gospel in all its bearings and practical applica-
 articularly in respect to her wealth. In this regard
 most exemplary Christians of our day, probably fall far
 what the religion of the Bible inculcates. He that gives

his income, though it may be ten times enough for his
 is now regarded as a prodigy of benevolence, whom or-
 en can only admire, but never hope to imitate. But let
 change; let the nations called Christian for one century
into themselves; let them practise industry and economy,
 te all the proceeds, after deducting for all the rational en-
 of life, to objects of benevolence; let what is now wasted
 e, and in displays of pride and ambition, in splendid enter-
 and superfluities, be consecrated to God, and at the ex-
 of that period, there would not be a family on earth un-
 with the word of life, nor a city, town, or human group in
 erness or in the desert, without some one to expound
 ce its holy precepts.* Misery and poverty, and igno-

ross amount of what might and ought to be raised in Great Britain
 purposes of religion and philanthropy, is estimated by Thomas
 . D. of Scotland, at not less than *one hundred millions* of pounds

This may seem extravagant, but let us remember that one half
 £50,000,000, are now annually expended in the British Isles for
 g liquors! And a small elimination of some other extravagance
 ly the other half. The thing then is possible; is it not reasonable?
 it "might and ought" Americans to do? We might blush, per-
 npare the footings of our bills for alcohol, with those of our religious
 the one, direct and indirect, amount to \$100,000,000; the other
 eed \$20,000,000 including the support of the ministry and erection
 ; while all that is done by all denominations for the moral renova-
 heathen, probably does not exceed *half of one million* annually!

rk at the expense of war, to say nothing of its destruction of morals,
 happiness. Our government has spent within the last *eighteen*
 arly as many millions of dollars in quelling an insurrection of a few
 our southern border—a sum which would give a copy of the Bi-
 und to half of the families in the Chinese empire, estimating her
 at 360,000,000, and five persons to a family!

ar of the revolution, Great Britain alone spent £200,000,000 ster-
 m which would present every family on earth, Christian, Jewish,
 n, and Pagan, with a copy of the Scriptures, and then leave enough
 a number of translators and distributors equal to both armies,
 length of the war, seven years, at a salary of \$1000 each per an-

ious warfare must be carried on, and our foes humbled, let what
 e of their souls, or of our own, or of those of a famishing world!
 will this glory, and pomp, and circumstance, appear, when looked
as seen from eternity?

rance, and degradation, and suffering, in their ten thousand forms, would be mitigated, if not removed from the earth, and the darkest habitation of cruelty would be illuminated with as pure a flame as now shines on any altar in christendom. Before this period does arrive, Christians will not, on embarking in any enterprise, first ask, "Will it pay? will it pay?" but what say the scriptures;—the question will be, in the words of another, "not what is the percentage of *money* to be gained, but what is the percentage of *happiness* to be achieved to the human family?" Then instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle-tree, and the desert shall blossom like the rose.

Yet though in common with their brethren, the committee are distressed in view of the reign of spiritual declension, they are not in despair. They look forward to a period, not far distant, they hope, when men will return to their sober senses,* and think of the exchangeless value of the soul, and act accordingly, when the Lord's treasury will be replenished, and the inquiry will be not for means, but for men. They again anticipate the spread of revivals of religion more powerful and universal, than have ever yet blessed our happy land.

CONCLUSION.

Such are some of the facts, both cheering and adverse, which the progress of another year has developed. Many, we doubt not, will thank God and take courage. Some who begin to be weary in well doing, whose eyes have been "held waking" already too long for their comfort, may perhaps ask when will this enterprise be accomplished; when will the great valley, when all our states, the border provinces and republics, be fully supplied with the means of salvation? As well might the way-worn traveller stand upon the bank of some mighty stream that obstructs his path, and lift his imploring voice, "When will thy waters all pass that I may cross thy vacant channel dry-shod?" The truth is, so long as water flows there will be channels for the streams of benevolence, nor do we suppose this work will be done, until the period arrive, when no man shall have occasion to say to his neighbour, "know ye the Lord?" The termination of *our* labours may soon arrive, but the work will fall into other, and we hope, more faithful hands, and go on. We may now weep over hundreds and thousands of towns, villages, and back settlements in North America—as many perhaps, as five years ago, when this

* One of the most cheering evidences of such a return, is the fact, that the existing state of things, has called forth some of the choicest talent of the age for its removal. Three works, of rare merit, on the evil, of covetousness, have issued from the American press,—two of the English re-prints, J. Harris' *Mammon*, and T. Dick's *Essay*; the other, *The Philosophy of Benevolence*, by P. Church, of Rochester, N. Y. No man can attentively, and prayerfully, read either of them, without interest and profit.

society first commenced its operations, where the herald of the cross seldom if ever sets his foot; and were all the wide spread tracts of destitution this day supplied, the increase of population would demand unrelaxed effort. Indeed, we have scarcely begun to do what needs to be done. That portion of our field which lies in the valley, receives an annual accession of 500,000 souls, who, if located in contiguous neighbourhoods, would require for their spiritual instruction, an annual colony of 500 pastors!

It has been thought that the dismal wail that comes up from the heathen world, contains more touching, pathetic eloquence, and a stronger appeal to our sympathies, than any considerations that may be drawn from the condition of the millions that walk our own soil. Be it so. Distance and numbers "lend enchantment to the view." But judicious and enlightened men begin to see, that the true way to lengthen our cords among the heathen, is to strengthen our stakes at home. Every consideration of patriotism and of piety, together with the cry of those sitting in the shadow of death, converted into accents of thrilling applications for mercy; every call for the missionary, every demand for the Bible translated into every tongue, comes to the churches in the form of an irresistible appeal, to multiply and strengthen our interests AT HOME.

And your committee rejoice in the assurances they have received from different sections of our country, that wherever its objects are understood, your society is taking deep hold upon the judgment, prayers, and kindly feelings of the American public.

All which is respectfully submitted.

LUTHER CRAWFORD, *Cor. Sec'y.*

TREASURER'S REPORT.

American Bap. Home Mission Society in account with R. W. Martin, Treas.
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1836.

June 4. By balance . . . \$818 74
10. By J. M. Challiss, Freehold, N. J. 2 25
By Miss C. Pease, of Philadelphia 2 00
.. Mrs. N. Drury, Florida, Mass. per
H. Benton . . . 2 00
.. Part of legacy of Miss B. Sprague,
dec'd, late of Attleboro, Mass.
per Aza Reed, executor . 224 00
.. Old Colony Bap. Miss. Soc. to con.
H. Fitz, of Middleboro', Ms. and
J. Allen, of Kingston, Ma. L. M. of
the So. pr. L. Pierce, Tr. 100 00
.. R. W. Cushman, Philadelphia, per
H. Lincoln . . . 5 00
.. H. Lincoln, to cons. hims. a life dr. 70 00
23. .. Collection at Sansom-st. ch. Phila.
per J. B. Trevor, . . . 20 88
.. C. Smith, per do. . . 12
.. J. L. Dagg do. . . 10 00
.. J. B. Trevor, to con. himself L. M. 30 00

By 2d Bap. ch. Phila. pr. L. Crawford 50 00
.. Contribution of New-Market-st.
ch. An. Meeting of Soc. per do. 65 46
July 1. Bap. Youth's Dom. Miss. Soc. by
J. Spier, treasurer, . . . 941 00
By do. do. pr. I. C. Germont, Tr. 105 20
5. .. 1st Bap. ch. Providence, R. I. by
H. A. Wilcox, agent . . . 190 80
.. Bap. Church, Pawtuxet, by do. 13 54
.. do. Pawtucket do. 21 50
.. Students in Brown University, in
addition, to cons. F. Wayland, jr.
a L. Dr. by H. A. Wilcox, ag't. 20 00
8. .. W. H. Richards, Phila. in addition,
to cons. himself a life member 20 00
.. 2d Bap. ch. Newport, R. I. in addi-
tion, to cons. J. Dowling L. D. 22 50
.. Misses A. and M. Cone, Phila. . 5 00
.. J. M. Linnard, Phila. to constitute
himself a life member . . . 30 00
15. .. J. C. Murphy, coll. in New Jersey 234 00

Aug. 2. By J. Miles, Milesburgh, Pa. to cons. himself a L.M. pr. J. Going	30 00	By Medford, Ma. Bap. Mission Soc. per R. Elliston	15 00
By E. D. Everett, Boston, Ma. do.	3 00	.. Seekonk, Mass. Bap. Benevolent Soc. per J. O. Choules	15 00
x .. Balance in full of the legacy of Miss Betsey Sprague, dec'd, late of Attleboro' Ma. pr. A. Reed, Ex.	227 25	.. Carmel and Etna Churches, Me. per O. Briggs	10 00
.. Individuals of Shelburne Falls, Mass. per H. Lincoln	6 35	.. J.F. New-Sharon, Ma. for Mi. Val.	1 00
27. .. Luther Crawford, coll. in Maine for Home Missions	600 00	.. North Livermore, Me. Bap. Miss. Soc. pr. J. Thompson, Tr.	10 00
Sep. 15. By Youth's Bap. Dom. Miss. Soc. of Brooklyn, by T. W. Water- man, treasurer	100 00	Mar. 1. By collections in Baltimore, per George F. Adams	250 75
16. By Massachusetts State Convention, by W. D. Tickner, treasurer	1000 00	By do. in Virginia, do.	335 25
.. Col. in Maine, by L. Crawford	118 34	.. do. in D. of Columbia do.	5 00
.. Dona. from Claremont, N. H. do.	5 00	.. J. M. Timmons, Darlington, S. C.	25 00
22. .. J. Conant, Tr. Vt. Bap. Conven- tion, per H. A. Wilcox	79 28	15. .. J. Blain, to cons. Mary Blain L.M.	40 00
Oct. 8. By J. C. Murphy, col. in N. Jersey	250 00	.. Do. to cons. Mary E. Blain do.	30 00
By dona. from James Douglass. of Cavers, Scotland, to be applied to the spreading of the gospel in the far West	215 00	16. .. T. Cooper, Edenton, Georgia	100 00
.. Bap. Youth's Dom. Miss. Society per J. C. Germond, treasurer	700 00	29. .. Col. in N. Carolina and Virginia, per H. A. Wilcox, agent	100 00
24. .. N. Y. Baptist State Convention, by Spencer H. Cone	4630 78	Apr. 10. By Youth's Dom. Miss. Soc. of Brooklyn, by T. W. Waterman, Treasurer	40 00
Note.—The above, with the sum of \$369 22, over collected of last year's appropriations makes a credit to the N. Y. State Con- vention of \$5000.		By Male Miss. Soc. Warren, R. I. by J. C. Welch	1 50
Nov... J. Conant, Tr. of the Vermont Baptist State Convention	190 00	.. Female do. do. do.	43 00
.. Contribution from Hampton, Va. by Luther Crawford	3 56	x .. A bequest from the late Robert Rodgers, of Newport, R. I.	25 00
.. Do. from Norfolk, Va. by do.	21 87	.. Bap. Church, Westerly, R. I.	3 37
.. Do. Western Convention, do.	36 30	.. Warwick and Coventry Baptist church, by J. Dowling	10 00
.. Dona. from T. Rhoads, of 1st. ch. Phila. by W. Winterton	10 00	.. Chas. L. Roberts, his own sub.	200 00
Dec. 16. By Collections in N. Carolina, per H. A. Wilcox, agent	330 00	.. Mission Soc. of Amity-st. church per C. L. Roberts	120 00
.. Mrs. Johnson, Grand Blanc, Mich.	5 00	.. Miss D. Cauldwell, pr. W. Colgate	5 00
1837.		18. .. 1st Bap. church in Haverhill, Ma. per A. L. Train	20 00
Jan. 28. By proceeds of Jewelry sold, per E. Going	1 00	20. .. I. Willis, sen. Louisiana	1 00
By Juvenile Missionary Soc. of Stan- ton-st. Bap. ch. and cong. N. Y. by G. Benedict	25 00	.. Wm. Laws, of Accomac, Va. to cons. himself a life director	100 00
.. Col. in N. C. by H. A. Wilcox, ag't	495 00	.. Bap. ch. Fruit Hill, R. L. to cons. J. Smith a life member	40 00
.. N. Y. Youth's Mission Soc. by J. C. Germond, Treas.	106 06	.. Union Association, by J. G. Col- lom, Cor. Secretary	36 00
.. Parkman, Mo. Bapt. ch. to be ex- pended in the Valley of the Mis- sissippi, per L. Morrill.	6 50	.. W. B. Johnson, Edgefield, S. C.	10 00
.. E. D. Everett, Boston, Mass.	3 00	.. A Friend in the interior of New York, by J. Going	10 00
		.. Miss. Soc. of Orange Bap. church Orange Co. N. Y. by do.	11 25
		21. .. Miss Cunningham, dec'd. Ridge- field, N. Y. by do.	1 00
		22. .. Female Miss. Soc. of the West Bap. ch. N. Y. per Mrs. Eliza McCutchin, treasurer	40 00
		13. .. Loan from Wm. Colgate	500 00
			\$13,000 40
		April 22. By balance	\$124 36

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1837.

April 22. To balance	\$124 36
.. Amount paid to Missionaries, Agents, Secretaries, Travelling expenses, Rents, Postage, Printing, &c.	13,556 04
	13,680 40

I certify that I have examined the foregoing abstract from the Treasurer's account for the past year, and find it correct, and that there remains a balance in the treasury of one hundred and twenty-four dollars and thirty-six cents.

New-York, April 24, 1837.

R. GRAVES, Auditor.

MONEYS RECEIVED SINCE THE REPORT WAS AUDITED.

By H. A. Wilcox, sub. in Va. per E. Ball	\$35 00	By Ct. Bap. S. Con. pr. J. B Gilbert, Tr.	1000 00
.. Female Miss. Soc. 3d Bap. ch. in Providence, per W. Barker.	16 00	.. Miss More, Maumee, Ohio	5 00
.. Thomas B. Creath	10 00	.. Fem. Miss. Soc. 2d Bap. ch. Prov. R. L.	40 00
.. Frederic Tucker	10 00	.. Youth's Baptist H. M. Soc. Brooklyn, per T. W. Waterman, treasurer	26 00
.. 2d Bap. church, Richmond	11 00	.. Bap. ch. Valley Falls, pr. D. L. Brayton	24 00
.. James McDaniel	6 25	.. Female Miss. Soc. Alleghanytown, Pa. per J. Going	46 67
.. R. I. Bap. Con. by Ladies West. Assn. 1st Baptist church, Providence	150 00	.. E. Archer, N. Y. city, per do.	5 00
.. Miss E. J. Newton, Upper Falls, Ma. to cons. O. Crane a life member	30 00	.. W. E. Garrett, Phila. in addition, con- himself a life director, per do.	70 00
.. N. H. Bap. S. Con. pr. W. Gault, Tr.	677 32		R. W. MARTIN, Treasurer.

A D D R E S S .

To the Associations, Churches, Ministers, and Members of the Baptist denomination in the United States, the Executive Committee of the American Baptist Home Mission Society send Christian salutation.

BELOVED BRETHREN,

Our lines have fallen to us at a period of the church when God, by his providence, is opening wide fields for moral and philanthropic culture, and his summons to labour, considering our numerical and actual strength as a denomination, comes not to us in the faintest accents. He has given us a great work to do—to do *at home*, to say nothing of the part he designs us to take in the labour and honour of carrying the gospel, written and oral, to the ends of the earth.

The Committee do not come at this late day to ask you to recognise Home Missions as a charitable and benevolent institution; this you have long since done, and some of you have clearly perceived that in its primary and ultimate bearing upon the destinies of the world, (we speak not in hyperbole,) *on the destinies of the world*, it is second to no other. It seeks not to divide the realm with kindred societies, all of which are of paramount importance in their several spheres, but it does claim to be a *primum mobile*, a generator of power, the *big wheel* in the system, which has its place indeed in the basement, is less seen and less admired, but which sends motion and velocity through all the ramifications of the moral machinery.

With a deep sense of responsibility, the Committee would respectfully solicit your candid and prayerful attention to a statement of facts in reference to the society with whose management they are entrusted.

They have now commenced the sixth year of the society's history. The Committee have felt not only justified in enlarging their operations year by year, but imperiously called upon by public expectation to do so. Thus they judged and thus they have acted; and, thanks to God, they have hitherto been sustained. But now they find their way hedged up. Our liabilities at the present moment are very considerable, though we are happy to say, the Society is not involved in an accumulated debt. We explain; when a man is appointed as a missionary, the amount of his salary is a *liability*, but it does not become a *debt* only as the labour is performed. The Committee have as yet, though with great difficulty, met all their demands. It is about the future they feel the deepest solicitude; for means to sustain and extend their present operations. There are now about ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY labourers in the field, most of them with families, who are more or less dependent on them for their subsistence. To sustain them will require a constant influx into the treasury. In this time of almost universal commercial distress, the Committee are doubtful what to do; they therefore make their appeal to the churches.

Where practicable, the committee will retrench the society's expenses. Though this had been thought impossible except by diminution of numbers and contraction of business, yet it having become indispensable, the officers and missionaries must, for the time being, bear the inconvenience.

Should there be any suspension of payment, it would create actual distress among the Lord's harvest men. Many of our missionaries anticipate their dues for the necessities of life, and having no other source of income, they could not, of course, meet their engagements. If then their debts should be rigorously exacted, their little all, save what the law reserves to the debtor, would be exposed. Such a suspension, or request to the missionaries to delay their drafts, the Committee would not think of for a moment, could a loan be effected as in ordinary times ; but now their hope, under God, is in the liberality of the churches.

Should the Committee seek to evade the threatening difficulty of the present, but as they hope, temporary pressure, by diminishing the number of their appointments, this measure would be fraught with even greater distress. Some of their missionaries have left an endeared circle of friends and removed more than a thousand miles to take charge of some important interest in the far west, and others, found there, have by your benefactions been just held above some secular employment—all contending against abounding errors, popery, infidelity, and sin in all its forms, and dispensing the bread of eternal life to the perishing. Any uncertainty, therefore, as to continued patronage, will produce perplexity ; and a sense of duty to their families may compel them to leave the ministry except on the sabbath. Of course their wide ranges of circuit riding must cease. Thus our feeble energies will be enfeebled, and our ministerial destitution become more destitute. All this, without touching the question whether we are not under moral obligation to sustain those who, by our encouragement, have left home and friends for the mission's sake.

Besides, how can the Society stand still, when it has such a great work to do ? There are now before the Committee several most earnest applications from churches for ministers, also communications from four missionary societies in remote parts of the west, soliciting encouragement and co-operation. On our list are this day full thirty missionaries whose commissions have expired and need to be renewed, and the number will constantly increase, if we make no re-appointments ; besides, there are letters on our table from several ministers, who have made their duty a subject of prayer, inquiring for a western location with an assurance of support. The question again is, what shall we do ? Dismiss or reject them we dare not, lest we sin against Christ and his church ; to respond to their calls without the prospect of meeting our pledges is equally embarrassing.

We have thus, fathers and brethren, laid our situation before you. It is a cause alike dear to you and to us. We cannot, we will not doubt the ultimate triumph of the Home Mission enterprise, if judiciously conducted. It will receive a fair proportion of the charities of the churches, but *what shall be done in the present emergency ?* That is the question we submit. Many of our most liberal friends find it not in their power to do any thing. Who shall assume the burden ? Do we not hear tens of thousands saying, " O that it were in my power to afford relief, but my means are small, I can do but lit-

tle." Very well, because you can do but little, we entreat you not therefore to do nothing. Let every one do a little and do it promptly, and relief will come. The present is a suitable time to make sacrifices for God. If you cannot give largely, remember that He loveth the *cheerful* giver. A thousand persons giving one dollar each, is equal to one man giving a thousand dollars. *How much owest THOU unto my Lord?* In the day of adversity, when his chastening hand is stretched out to teach men the uncertainty of all worldly possessions, let us not forget the cause of Christ. Let not our retrenchments begin at the house of God, or in our religious charities. As ever, the gospel is the power of God unto salvation. The souls of our dying fellow-men are precious as ever; and never were they more exposed to eternal death. Men of Israel, help; our appeal is to you, to your sense of duty, your love of souls, your patriotism, and your piety; shall means be furnished?

In behalf and by order of the Executive Committee,

JONATHAN GOING, } *Corresponding*
LUTHER CRAWFORD, } *Secretaries.*

N. B. Remittances, however small, are requested to be made without delay.

QUARTERLY PAPER.

AMERICAN BAPTIST

OUR GOSPEL CAME NOT UNTO YOU IN WORD ONLY, BUT ALSO IN POWER, AND IN THE HOLY GHOST, AND IN MUCH ASSURANCE—SO THAT YE WERE ENSAMPLES TO ALL THAT BELIEVE. FOR FROM YOU SOUNDED OUT THE WORD OF THE LORD, NOT ONLY IN MACEDONIA AND ACHAIA, BUT ALSO IN EVERY PLACE YOUR FAITH TO GOD-WARD IS SPREAD ABROAD.

PAUL to the Thessalonians.

HEREIN IS MY FATHER GLORIFIED, THAT YE BEAR MUCH FRUIT, SO SHALL YE BE MY DISCIPLES.—JESUS CHRIST.

HOME MISSION SOCIETY.

No. I.

Mission Rooms, Clinton Hall, New-York.

February, 1838.

It is now nearly six years since the American Baptist Home Mission Society first entered the great field of its operations. Through its annual reports and the periodical press generally, it has held correspondence and intercourse with the churches and the public; and although for a period, one paper was so nearly allied to this department as to receive as an appendage to its name "Home Mission Record," yet the Society has never had any exclusive organ of communication. Other societies, both of a denominational and national character, have found it essential to their prosperity to have a Magazine or Paper of more or less frequency as a vehicle of intelligence, under their own control. For a long time, a measure of this kind has been a subject of deliberation with members of our Executive Committee. If, during the continuance of the "Record," it was not absolutely imperative, the change which that paper has undergone, claiming now to be the friend and advocate of all worthy institutions, but the organ and patron of none in particular, its necessity is made so far apparent, that the Committee have resolved to send forth the present number, leaving future issues to depend on circumstances.

Their object is twofold,—to gratify and refresh those who have been bearing the burden and heat of the day, by spreading intelligence before them, and to excite a more general interest, and enable all to act more understandingly in the discharge of their duty to their country and their God.

The present edition will be somewhat limited. Pastors and brethren, therefore, into whose hands this may fall, are respectfully and earnestly requested to second the views of the Committee so far at least as to read, and *not lay aside*, but, in the most efficient manner, bring them before their churches and congregations.

VOL. I.—1.

STATE OF OUR AFFAIRS.

In connexion with our Annual Report the last spring, the Committee sent forth a Circular, representing to the churches the difficult and trying circumstances into which they and their missionaries were thrown by the sudden and unexpected change we experienced in the times,—that our treasury was then exhausted. At the same time about *one hundred and thirty* of the Lord's men, with their wives and families, were looking to them, partially at least for their very bread, and that unless the churches should promptly meet the exigency, their past dues on which they were depending must fail them; their small stipends be reduced, or they be entirely left to abandon their posts for some other mode of livelihood.

This appeal was heard, and partially met. Thanks to our brethren who had the magnanimity and brotherly sympathy "to heave to" when they recognised the flag of distress. Some sent aid directly to us, and others through the channels of associations and conventions. Yet the relief has been only partial; the society has suffered much embarrassment. We have not been able in many instances to pay our missionaries when due; yet as they knew their dues were sure at some time or other, they continued; others have gone to teaching school, and others again to cultivating the soil, as a partial support—(a thing expedient for them, but most disastrous to their churches,) and others have put themselves on a system of reduced economy which was before thought to have been carried to its lowest point. These sacrifices, we believe, our brethren have made cheerfully in a cause which should be no less dear to us than to them, and in which the great Master requires of them no more than of us.

The Committee also have been obliged to listen with pained hearts, to distressing cases, pleaded for with the affecting earnestness of those who feel the worth of the undying soul—to listen and then say, we cannot help.

Two members of our Committee, with the Treasurer, have thrice given their personal responsibility to get loans,—twice to the banks. Thus far money has come in in season to meet their engagements up to the present. The last loan is entirely used, and we have nowhere to look, only to the churches for the means to replace it, and meantime to meet current expenditures. *Two thousand five hundred dollars*, (a very small sum considering the number or ability of our denomination,) will be needed between this and our annual meeting in the last of April. Though we have hung out the signal of distress,—(in this we are not alone,)—and though we are yet compelled to confess before the church and the world that it is still floating on the squally breeze, *it is not the signal of despair*. Hitherto God hath been our helper.—In Him experience increases our confidence; nor will we distrust our brethren who are redeemed by his blood, and made stewards of his gold and silver and cattle on a thousand hills. Our piety as a denomination, our love, our good faith to our beloved brethren now in the field, our compassion for the destitute and perishing, all require us to sustain an institution of our own originating. But where shall help come from,—whence **THESE TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS**; or shall it not come? Reader, what sayest thou? Sayest thou yea? Then we ask *thce*, from whence? How much owest thou?

BETTER THAN SILVER AND GOLD.

The Hon. J. D. Farnsworth, St. Albans, Vt., writes,—“It will always afford me pleasure to hear from you. In my morning and evening vows, neither you nor the society whose organ you are, shall be forgotten.”

Prayer was appointed to convey
The blessings God designs to give.

O could we, could our toiling missionaries, be assured that we are not forgotten “in the morning and evening vows” of our half million Baptist communicants in our country, how would our hearts leap for joy! Then should we immediately expect to see “the ploughman overtake the reaper, and the treader of grapes him that soweth seed;” labour and blessing would go hand in hand, and not the latter follow the former with distant and uncertain step.

But we would inquire, is not the faithful, laborious brother in the feeble church, or on the prairie, or in the wilderness, more “forgotten” than he whose station has nothing more to recommend it to public sympathy than distance? The churches tell us they have no evening to give, as a concert of prayer. Of this, we will not com-

in, only assure us that we shall be remembered in your family devotions,—only we know that in your happiest moments, when you rise nearest our Father's one, we are not forgotten. With him who conducted the most efficient mission establishment ever on earth, we entreat, "Brethren, pray for us."

From our correspondence, from resolutions and notices in the minutes of Associations and Conventions in most all parts of our country, and from our very numerous solicitations for help from Canada to Texas, it is evident that if this society fails to accomplish a great work, the hopes of multitudes will be disappointed. The following is from Rev. D. F. Richardson, who has just entered upon a professorship in the Wake Forest Institute, N. C.

Dear Brother Crawford—A tour through the Southern and Western States has deeply impressed my mind with the value of your institution. At the South very few young men are preparing for the ministry. Many of their most important churches find it nearly impossible to obtain pastors. In consequence of this destitution of ministers, many towns at the Southwest, of three and four thousand people, have no church and no minister. Were your society to send missionaries into these regions, energetic, pious and prudent, I am sure they would be received with open arms, and would long need any aid from you. The country churches at the South seldom can obtain preaching oftener than once a month. I was often asked while South, "*why does not the Home Mission Society send more men into this destitute region?*"—Now towns are rapidly springing into being in the South and Northwest. They look with intense interest to your Society for men and aid. Infidelity is rapidly assuming the sceptre of the South and West. A faithful ministry alone can check its progress, and stay the march of irreligion in all its forms; cause a pure christianity to triumph and save our land. In this work the American Baptist Home Mission Society, I am certain, is called to act a most important part, and has already caused the hearts of many saints to rejoice in destitute places, has led many lost sinners to Jesus, and laid the foundation of churches and institutions whose influence will bless our world till time shall be no more.

R. Whidden, Esq., of Calais, Me. writes:—

"If your engagements are not so pressing as to prevent, I should be very glad to receive a long letter from you, that I may learn all that is doing in the cause of Domestic Missions. I however must say, that from all I can learn from the papers and other sources, considering the limited means employed, there is a greater amount of good done than by any other benevolent institution that has been started. And O may God grant that we may all be more willing to come up to the help of the Lord against the mighty, and give bountifully of our substance to relieve the sufferings of our dear brethren who have given up all for the cause of Christ—a cause that should be prized above every thing besides."

To the above we say, and let all the people say, "Amen and amen."

PROOFS OF THE ABOVE—LABOURS BLESSED.

Says J. E. Ambrose, missionary at Plainfield, northern part of Illinois, "There has been scarcely a Baptist church organized in the northern part of the State only through the influence of your Society."

In the more central and south western part—now the garden of Illinois for Baptists, many churches have within a few months experienced most pleasing, and in some instances, extensive refreshings, and "this is the very ground," says John M. Clark, "which your missionaries first cultivated, and where they sowed the seed." When we quote from this brother, than whom no man has a better right to be heard on Western affairs, our chief difficulty is, from *all good*, to select the best.—We take the following

Cheering Testimony:—

"The good folks at the East have as yet but a very vague and imperfect idea of the amazing benefits already experienced—the rapid changes produced by comparatively small and noiseless efforts. Your Committee can have only a very partial conception of the mighty good already done by the Home Mission effort. I can take

within the scope of my vision over the land, the wide and distant view of *twenty years*. Those who have lately come out speak of rapid changes and happy results during two or three years, but this is quite limited. Is there no way to bring this subject into the hearts and consciences of our brethren in the old States? Is there no way to convince them that *one hundred thousand dollars* per annum expended in Home Missions will do more for other benevolent objects in TEN YEARS than ten times that amount directly devoted to those objects? The eastern people have yet no conception what a field of direct, profitable effort this whole western valley presents."

"Is there no way to convince them?"

Let us try the demonstrative logic of arithmetic. Madison is a flourishing town of Indiana, on the banks of the beautiful Ohio, and is destined to become a place of no inferior commercial importance. One year ago in November last, by our advice, Br. Reuben Morry went there—found a small Baptist church divided into three hostile fragments, the mission, the anti-mission, and the Campbellite Baptists. With our promise of help, he preached for them three months, when, on account of their dissensions, he announced his intention of leaving them. Contrary to expectation, all parties were anxious for his continuance, and so far laid aside their differences as to join in his support. This was the state of the church, and of course, to all foreign operators, it was no better than twice dead and plucked up by the roots. Now then, for the arithmetic. They applied to the Home Mission Society for \$150, which was granted—they adding \$250 to it. *One hundred and fifty dollars then expended.* During the year now past, they have raised by a society among them \$70 for the State Convention, or General Association of Indiana—\$81 for Burman Bible, \$7 for the monthly concerts—by collections in their church during the session of the General Association, \$10 for the cause in Indiana, and \$40 for Foreign Missions, of which we will suppose a quarter was contributed by the church, that is, \$20, by collection in the Church for Foreign Missions \$20; in all \$193, for objects within the church. In ten years this will be \$1930, which instead of ten is to do in a twelvemonth, more than the *quintup* which was to be proved. They are doing this, and the church has great increase in numbers and strength. On this point we cannot but give our testimony to the extent, which, though long, will not appear excessive. Still, a graduate of Brown University

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TEXAS—A NEW MISSION FIELD.

We are happy to lay the subjoined document, *abridged* for want of space, before our readers. Whatever variety of opinions may exist on some political questions relating to Texas, there should be none among good men as to its importance as a field of gospel labour. Its soil and climate insure, under a wise government, its immense population and wealth, and now is the favoured hour to cast in the salt of divine grace. Texian correspondent in the Natchez Luminary (a Baptist paper) says "an intelligent Methodist minister, who is extensively acquainted in the country, informed me in his opinion, the Baptist denomination were more numerous than any other in the Republic." We were not prepared to hear this, but if so, then so much more need of a Baptist mission there.

WASHINGTON, TEXAS, Nov. 7, 1837.

the Corresponding Secretary, &c.

DEAR SIR:—It hath pleased God, in his providence, to cast our lots in the vast wilderness of the West. We are from various parts of your happy land. We look to you as our mother country—the son to the father, and present our complaints to you. Will you hear us? It is our cause—your cause—and it is the cause of God, to which we invite your consideration. There is but one organized Baptist Church in our country, and that consisting of only nine persons. Two *orderly* Baptist ministers, and they are necessarily confined at home in discharge of duties they owe their families. There is not one itinerant Baptist minister in our whole country. Perhaps one half of our fellow-citizens do not hear preaching once in six months, and many have never heard a gospel sermon since they have been in Texas. Moreover, brethren, although there are one thousand souls entering our country, as emigrants, every month, there is perhaps not more than one *orderly* Baptist minister for every twenty thousand. Our Methodist and Presbyterian friends have commenced the good work. They have several societies amongst us. They have watched for, seen, and embraced the favoured hour. They know that a society is now being formed. They know that early impressions are the most lasting—and they know that a "strong man armed keepeth his palace, until a stronger than he cometh."

Here follows a description of the kind of men wanted—men of piety, intelligence, and excellence.)

We do not wish you to have all the burthen. We are willing to act in conjunction with you—and we hope and believe, that by your assistance at present, that the time will soon come when we will be able to hold up the hands of our ministers; when we shall see Baptist churches established throughout our country, and converts fleeing to them as doves to the windows.

We would simply suggest that *Missionary posts* should be established at San Augustine, Nacogdoches, Washington, and San Antonio. This will be nearly parallel through the centre of the country. Such other posts might be established as circumstances will permit; and digression may be had from their regular line when expedient and convenient. Dear Brethren, we ask you to "come over into Macedonia and help us."

Farewell, Brethren, farewell. The God of peace be with you. Yours in Christ.

A. BUFFINGTON,
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JOS. R. JENKINS. } Committee.

Distress—a touching case.

A tried brother, who has been in the field nearly five years, writes us under a very sad date:—"With the Psalmist I can say, 'I had fainted unless I had hoped to see aid from the Lord in the land of the living' I am almost destitute of every kind of provisions for my very large family. The price of provisions is rising. I am keeping all my children out of school for want of means to defray the expense. Most of my children are deprived of going to meeting on Lord's day for want of clothing.—What shall I do! O for faith to lay hold on the promise, 'thy water shall be given thee, and thy bread shall be made sure.'"

☐ Brethren, one of our own household—a brother, a sister, their dear children, in distress—and our Society with a Treasury exhausted by some hundreds of dollars. What shall we do? In a case like this, "to beg, I am not ashamed." Ye then that love this world's goods, do not shut your bowels of compassion!

Remarkable, because rare.

Our late missionary agent in Illinois, Br. Joel Sweet, says: "Brother S——, a member of this church [the Union] has recently adopted the principle of giving one th of his income to the cause of God. Such men give from principle, and not from impulse. I received from him \$20 for the Alton Seminary, \$5 for the Illinois

Convention, \$2 for education, and \$5 for the American and Foreign Bible Society. If our churches were made up of such men, we should have no need of agents."

Such an example is worth much; men should give from principle. But we have been led to inquire

What the Hebrew's religion cost him?

The items, we borrow from Dick's Essay. He paid the tenth of all fruits, grains, and animals,—the fruit of trees considered uncircumcised—the corners of fields and gleanings—the whole produce of the seventh year—the release of debts at the jubilee—the half shekel for atonement, and expenses of journeys to Jerusalem three times a year! In all, "*but little if any less than one half of his entire income.*"

This law, it is granted, is not binding on christians, but queries,

1. Is there less occasion for giving now than then?
2. If it cost so much to support religion and education (for the Levites were also the schoolmasters) in Judea, how much would it require for the whole world?
3. Because the gospel does not prescribe, *how much*, guiding us only by general principles, should we do less than they?
4. If love to a cause be determined by the amount of our sacrifices for it, has not the Saviour reason to complain that we do not love so much as did "Moses' disciples."
5. Should it be a thing so rare in our churches as to make it remarkable, that a man should give a tenth of his income, and do it on principle?

The duty of churches that receive aid.

In a time like this, when the whole country is embarrassed—when the amount of money in circulation is greatly diminished, it becomes the religious duty of churches receiving aid, to make special efforts to support their ministers. If your brethren at a distance give any thing to help you, as they are happy to do when they believe you are doing all you reasonably can, it must be in cash; but you can give to your own minister—if you have not cash, the products of the soil or shop. Churches ought not to measure themselves by what they have done, but by what they *can do*. At the first moment possible, you should assume the entire support of your minister; and where you cannot do all, do as large a proportion as you can.

Providence provides.

Br. Alexander Riddler, recently appointed to Peoria and vicinity, an interesting section of central Illinois, in accepting his commission, says:

"It was not for lucre's sake that I accepted the care of this church, for they are poor. nor did I expect help from New York. No. I came here depending on Him who has so wonderfully sent me supplies for my children since I came to America [from Scotland.] Since I opened your letter I have been led to think of the kindness of Him who feeds the ravens when they cry."

They have no meeting-house, and have to share the court-house equally with the Methodists and Unitarians. He therefore preaches also at Chillicothe and Rome—a "tavern" is their only sanctuary. In the latter place "there are no Baptists, and the place is rather wicked."

A HERO—A BAD CAUSE BADLY MANAGED.

He continues, "we have some opposition. One evening, a man came *thirty miles* to oppose preaching, but unfortunately for him, got rather drunk before meeting; and you need not be told his arguments, coming from a drunkard's brain, produced but little effect on the people."

This brother expresses a willingness to make any sacrifices—has put himself on a "living of the poorest kind"—sold his library to bring him from his native country—and asks if there be not some friend who could send him a few old volumes.

The bread of life wanted.

A lay brother in Wisconsin Territory just writes us that our missionary, E. Grifing, (formerly of Massachusetts,) is the only Baptist Minister in the Territory! The population is 60,000, and rapidly increasing. Yet "there are many members of our denomination, scattered through the country as sheep without a shepherd."

INTELLIGENCE.

The Baptist Church in Cape Girardeau, a town of about 3000 inhabitants, on the Mississippi River, in Mo. have completed their meeting-house, and obtained Br. S. Baker, as pastor. Cape G. is the head quarters of the Catholics in that part of the State, and this is the *only* Protestant church in the town. They had promise of help from the Home Mission Society, but have made a noble effort, and will succeed without it.

At their solicitation, Br. P. Williams has been appointed missionary in the Cape G. Association. He will ride in a destitute country.

In Scott county, Mo., there are several settlements, and one Baptist church which hear preaching but once or twice a year, as a "minister chances to visit them." In the south part of Mo. there are but four ministers and one licentiate for four counties, with an aggregate population of 22,000!

Three of our missionaries in Indiana will hereafter be supported by their churches, viz: J. L. Richmond, of Jefferson, Madison Co., I. D. Crabbs, of Salem, Washington Co., and A. T. Hinkley, late of Starta, now of Franklin, Johnston Co. The committee are always rejoiced in such instances. One object of our organization is to help churches till they can help themselves.

Jeremiah Hall, of Kalamazoo, Michigan, will hereafter be sustained by his church. He says the two years and a half he has laboured for the society, "has been a period of privation, toil and sacrifice." He will now be obliged to confine himself to his own church, which is necessary for his support, but will be a detriment to the cause in the surrounding country which has shared his labours.

Br. Eber Crane, late of Akron, O. (missionary) has removed to Franklin. He has commenced a new interest, and they are about building a meeting-house. Congregations large and increasing.

Br. R. Winchell, missionary agent, has withdrawn from Upper Canada, in consequence of "wars and rumors of wars." He will probably go to Ohio as agent.

The U. Canada Baptist Missionary Society resolved to send a deputation (Brn. Rees and Winchell,) to England to solicit aid, but the present disturbances prevent.

Granville College, O. seems to prosper under its new President. He has raised in cash and subscriptions more than half enough to meet *immediate* demands. Eleven students have recently entered.

The Baptist Institutes or Colleges in Michigan and Indiana, both of which have been fostered by missionary labour, are in prosperous circumstances. In the latter, they expect to form a Freshman class the next spring.

The Illinois Baptist Convention have resolved to assume one third of our expenses the current year in that State—we paying the agent, J. M. Peck.

The Vt. Convention have had six missionaries (more or less of the time) in Lower Canada, which, by their request, have been recognised as belonging to this Society; their support to be raised in Vt.

From the latest accounts, the revivals continue in Central Mo. J. Williams stated before the Franklin Missionary Society, that he had travelled 1550 miles, baptized 61, and witnessed the hopeful conversion of about 224 souls; and A. P. Williams, that he had rode 1800 miles, preached 300 sermons, baptized 134, and witnessed the hopeful conversion of about 260 souls!

We learn from J. Mitchell, (missionary at Saline, and Secretary of the Michigan Convention,) that the churches in that State are somewhat quickened, and the prospects for revivals are in many places very encouraging.

The American Home Mission Society (Presbyterian) assisted the last year, including 24 in France, 810 missionaries. Of these, 595 are settled as pastors. The above also includes agents and the operations of auxiliaries, [analogous to our State Conventions, which we do not reckon in our Reports.] Their receipts, \$100,631 74, reckoned in the same way.

Mr. Alexander, a Methodist preacher, was sent out to Texas from Natchez last summer; he has already constituted 8 churches, and initiated into them 150 members! Great success.

The Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States expended the last year about \$20,000 in Home, to \$16,000 in Foreign Missions. Query. Was not this wise? They have now "nearly sixty missionaries and teachers in employ."

The Cumberland *Presbytery* in Texas recently passed resolutions in favour of several American Societies, and among them the American *Baptist Home Mission Society*.

Accounts from Arkansas are encouraging. An extensive revival prevails on the borders next to Missouri.

TREASURER'S RECEIPTS.

The Treasurer of the American Baptist Home Mission Society acknowledges the receipt of the following sums.

J. B. Halsted, New York	\$10 00	Mrs. Mary Ellis for the far West, per	
Edward Melsom, Philadelphia	5 00	Rev. Charles G. Sommers, N. York	20 00
Debt from a Sluggard	10 00	Redmill Baptist Church, N. York, per	
George Child	10 00	L. Cole	8 00
Baptist Church, Pownal, Bennington		Ezekiel Archer, New York	3 00
Co., Vt., by T. S. Rogers	5 00	Subscribers in Waterville, Maine,	10 00
Henry Rankin, Schuylkill, Chester Co.		Stephen B. Munn, New York	100 00
Pennsylvania	50 00	Collection in the Enon Baptist Church,	
Peter Rankin do. do.	30 00	Cincinnati, Nov. 1837	26 00
Thomas Garniss do. do.	10 00	Baptist Church at Chevoit	2 00
North Beriah Baptist Church, N. York,		John A. Miller, New York, on account	
by Des. S. Chappel	50 00	of his subscription,	200 00
Miss Griffin, 358 Broome st. N. York	5 00	Rev. R. T. Daniel and others, Tenn.	100 00
Clodhopper	20 00	Miss Eliza Graves, per Jno. Gould	5 00
James Mathews, for others	7 12	New York Baptist Youth's Mission	
do. for himself	5 00	Society, per G. C. Germond, Treas'r.	60 00
Wm. H. Turpin, Augusta, Ga.	17 87	Daniel Perdue, Indiana	5 00
Bapt. Youths' Domestic Mission Socie-		Geo. Matthews, do.	10 50
ty, N. Y. by G. C. Germond, Treas'r.	45 00	Collections in N. Hampshire by Tho's.	
Bapt. Church, St Helena Island, Beau-		Rand	165 00
fort District, S. C. by Daniel Bythe-		West Boylston Baptist Church, Mass.	
wood	100 00	per Dr. Young	32 36
Friend Humphrey of Albany, from the		Worcester Bapt. Church, Ma. do.	93 29
Stephentown Bpt. Association, Geo.		Worcester Association, to the credit of	
Glass, Treasurer	60 00	the Massachusetts Baptist State	
Baptist Church, New London, by Dan'l.		Convention do.	116 00
Latham	30 00	Bapt. Church, Southbridge, Ma. do.	11 25
Union Association, N. Y. & Conn., by		Great Falls Bapt. Church, N.H. do.	18 75
Rev J. G. Collom	31 50	Daniel Woods, Lebanon, Ma. do.	5 00
Susan Bouldin, Wilmington, Del., by		South Boston Bapt. F. H. M. S. do.	15 00
Jno. Allen	5 00	Zion Bapt. Church, Orange, N.Y. do.	11 75
Mrs. Rob't Fuller, by Rev. S. H. Cone	10 00	J. P. Skinner, Windsor, Vt., to consti-	
Wm. Williams, by do. do.	5 00	tute himself a Life Director, per L.	
Mrs. Johnson of Providence, N. J.	5 00	Crawford, Cor. Sec'y.	100 00
Mary Doolittle of Ashtabula, Ohio, by		Female Baptist Missionary Society,	
Norman Warriner, Treasurer Grand		Windsor, Vt. to constitute Mrs. E.	
River Baptist Association	5 00	Hutchinson a Life Member do.	30 00
Collections in N. Jersey by Rev. John		Vermont Baptist Convention, per J.	
Murphy	185 50	Conant, Treasurer, do.	30 00
Collections in Great Valley Church,		Baptist Church, Hopkinton, N. H. do.	22 50
Penn. per Elder D. Bernard	24 50	Baptist Church, Lyme, N. H. do.	5 50
Col. Abraham Jones, per Wm. H. Tur-		Collections in the Milford and Dublin	
pin, Ga.	25 72	Associations, N. H., by T. Rand,	
P. Chase, Lower Canada	50 00	agent, do.	183 00
New York Baptist State Convention		Missionary Society of the Connecticut	
per Rev. John Dowling, to 23d Oct.		Literary Institution, do.	10 00
1837	2461 00	New Hampshire State Convention, by	
Carmel Female Mission Society, per		Mr. Rand	200 00
Jno. Warren	20 00		

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The following brethren, in addition to Treasurers of Associations and Conventions, are authorized to receive moneys for the Society—Hon. H. Lincoln, Boston; H. A. Wilcox, Wake Forest, N. C.; and Dr. Wm. H. Turpin, Augusta, Ga. Pastors and others are also respectfully solicited to facilitate the transmission of monies to our Treasury. Churches are requested not to wait for the visit of an agent, but to make up their bounty and remit it. As our missionaries are now in want of it, we hope there will be as little delay as practicable.

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CONSTITUTION

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AMERICAN BAPTIST HOME MISSION SOCIETY.

ARTICLE I. This Society shall be called the **AMERICAN BAPTIST HOME MISSION SOCIETY.**

ARTICLE II. The great object of this Society shall be to promote the preaching of the Gospel in North America.

ARTICLE III. Any person may become a member of this Society by contributing annually to its funds : thirty dollars paid at one time shall constitute a member for life ; one hundred dollars paid at one time shall constitute a director for life ; and any person on paying a sum which, in addition to any previous contribution, shall amount to one hundred dollars, shall be a director for life ; and any Baptist Church or Association, or State Convention, or Missionary Society, that contributes annually to the objects of this Society, shall be entitled to be represented by one or more delegates in its annual meetings.

ARTICLE IV. The officers of this Society shall be a President, Vice-Presidents, a Treasurer, an Auditor, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, and fifty Directors, who shall be annually appointed by the Society.

ARTICLE V. The Officers and Life Directors shall appoint an Executive Committee of thirteen persons, exclusive of the Treasurer, the Corresponding Secretary, and the Recording Secretary, residing in the city of New-York and its vicinity, five of whom shall be a quorum at any meeting regularly convened. This Committee shall have power to appoint its own meetings, form its own rules of business, and fill any vacancies which may occur during the year, and convene special meetings of the Board and of the Society ; shall appoint missionaries, and instruct them as to the field and manner of their labours ; shall dispose of the funds for the objects of the Society, provided that all moneys contributed for any specific purpose shall be faithfully applied only to that particular object ; shall create such agency or agencies for the appointment of missionaries and for other purposes as the interests of the Society may require ; and shall make an annual report of their proceedings to the Society. All the Officers, Executive Committee, Agents and Missionaries of the Society shall be members of some regular Baptist Church, in general union with the body of that denomination.

ARTICLE VI. The Treasurer shall give bonds to such amount as the Executive Committee shall think proper.

ARTICLE VII. Any Baptist Missionary Society may become auxiliary, by agreeing to pay into the treasury of this Society the whole of its surplus funds, and sending to the Corresponding Secretary a copy of its constitution and annual reports, mentioning the names of its missionaries, and the fields of their operations.

ARTICLE VIII. Every Auxiliary Society who shall agree to pay the whole of its funds to this Society, shall be entitled to a missionary or missionaries, to labour in such field as it may designate, to an amount at least equal to that of its contributions : provided such designation be made at the time of payment.

ARTICLE IX. The officers of Auxiliary Societies shall be ex-officio Directors of this Society, and their members shall be members of this Society.

ARTICLE X. The annual meeting of the Society shall be held at such time and place, as the Society shall determine at a previous annual meeting, or as the Executive Committee shall determine.

ARTICLE XI. No alteration of this Constitution shall be made without an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members present at an annual meeting ; nor, unless the same shall have been proposed at a previous annual meeting, or recommended by the Executive Committee.

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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING.

The American Baptist Home Mission Society held its Sixth Anniversary in the Oliver-street Meeting House, April 27, 1838.

Heman Lincoln, President, in the chair.

Prayer by brother William Parkinson, of New-York.

Ministering brethren were invited to a seat with the Society. The invitation was accepted by B. R. Loxley, M. Quin, and E. C. Brown.

The Society resolved to appoint a Committee on elections.

The Committee consists of J. C. Murphy, J. C. Harrison, of New-Jersey, J. Cookson, of Connecticut, and T. Meredith, of North Carolina.

Resolved, that a committee on nominations be appointed.

The committee are, Wm. Winterton, A. Bennett, and Elon Galusha, of New-York, J. B. Taylor, of Virginia, T. Mason, of South Carolina, Thomas Hume, of Virginia, Wm. Crane, of Maryland, and Thomas Meredith, of North Carolina.

The Treasurer read his annual report, which, being audited, was unanimously adopted, and ordered to be printed under the direction of the Executive Committee.

Luther Crawford, the Corresponding Secretary, read extracts from the annual report of the Executive Committee.

Brother Barnas Sears, of Mass., moved the acceptance of the report, and that it be printed under the direction of the Executive Committee.

In moving the resolution, Brother Sears remarked, that it could not be a matter of indifference to the people of the East, what shall be the condition of that people among whom their sons and their daughters shall associate, whether they have temples of worship and possess a high moral and religious character. Natural sympathies, said he, and youthful enterprise, have no small concern in this great question; that is, the character of the western population. It is well known that a conflux of population from Europe forms a considerable part of that people, from whom the future society of the west shall spring, and it is of vast importance that the elementary materials should be christianized, so as to throw a happy influence over the future prospects of the church. To preach the gospel in its purity, is the only way to prevent the prevalence of European prejudices, and imported forms of error. We must not let our efforts relax for want of novelty. We have heard the great story of the west, and *now we must act*. Can the spirit of enterprise pass away with novelty? No more should our endeavor to bring this fertile land under gospel influence.

The resolution was seconded and passed unanimously.

Brother John Smitzer, of New-York, moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That while we highly appreciate the privilege of coadjutors in the blessed work of sending the gospel to the heathen, we are fully aware that our Home Missionary operations prefer claims which are second to no others, inasmuch as while they benefit our fellow citizens at home, they also, to a considerable extent, furnish the men and the means for prosecuting the noble object of filling the world with the knowledge and the glory of the Lord.

The principle involved in this resolution, (said Brother S.) is, that every Christian feels a deep and thrilling interest in the cause of missions. The positive injunction of his Lord and Master is, Go ye forth; as my Father sent me, so send I you. Sometimes efforts are made to present one class of our benevolent enterprises above all the rest, but far be it from me to repress the zeal of any in the cause of foreign missions. I cherish with sacred and constant regard those brethren who have gone to the heathen. Rather let my right hand forget her cunning, than that I should forget them and their cause. But while I yield to none in my attachment to foreign missions, I feel bound to support with zeal and untiring industry, the institution which has called us together this evening. The Home Mission cause is *second to none*, for while it spreads its benefits in our own country, it is filling the world with the glory of God. In proof of this, Brother S. alluded to the results of the last year's labour, and then gave a review of three years, showing that 159 churches had been established, and 3300 souls baptized! He then spoke of the operations of the several State Conventions, particularly the one with which he is connected, the New-York. From the whole he gathered up irresistible evidence that this operation is supremely important for the reasons stated in the resolution.

Brother Wm. B. Johnson, of South Carolina, seconded this resolution.

He said that some years ago, his attention was called, by some remarks in a newspaper, to the religious prospects of the west, and the increasing influence of the man of sin, and he then said to himself, that if he were 20 years younger, he would go in person to that part of the country and throw his feeble efforts into the opposite scale. He rejoiced in this society, because it was happily calculated to destroy this papal influence.

Sir, said he, I have no fear that the man of sin will ultimately take possession of the west, yet we have a duty to do. God works by means. Their plans and intentions are known, and we must meet them. The missionary goes forth with the Bible in his hand, and this is a code of religious and civil freedom.

Brother Johnson urged the importance of the society, from the fact that many Christians in removing far away, often seem to leave their piety behind, and from the fact

that the preponderance of population will soon be west of the mountains. In closing, he said that his feelings had undergone an entire revolution in regard to this society. At first, he thought it would detract from the interest in foreign missions; but every report of the society had convinced him of his error.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

Brother Elon Galusha, of New-York, presented the following resolution :

Resolved, That the wide field of missionary labour now opening before the American Baptist Home Mission Society, is an earnest appeal to its friends to enlarge its operations.

Sir, the report is of itself, said Brother Galusha, an establishment of the sentiment expressed in this resolution. I trust that you appreciate the field upon which this society has entered. This field, it is true, is not the whole world, but it is the new world, North America. The old world has seen its day of light and glory, and now the light has come over to the new, and promises to roll back ere long, a tide of salvation over that portion of its original domain which is now going to decay. What has been the result of the labours of 117 missionaries, whose beautiful feet have been seen upon the mountains of the west? Why, sir, nearly, 12,000 sermons have directed the truth of God to the hearts of sinners, and from 1400 to 1500 immortal spirits have been buried by baptism, besides hundreds of others hopefully converted. Now, sir, however cordially I sanction the affairs of our foreign operations, I see more in one year accomplished by this society, than in all the labours of the foreign effort up to the present time; and have we not cause for great thankfulness and delight? And when we see the fields widening as regards prospects on every side, should we not be prompted to commensurate zeal, to commensurate prayer, to commensurate liberality, and increased efforts in this cause? Sir, if 1500 planets had broken loose from their orbits, and were careering wildly through the regions of space, and were then brought back again and reinstated in their course, the results would have been far less joyful than that which claims our gratitude in the bringing back 1500 souls to allegiance to God. Other fields more inviting are now before the society in all their holy enchantment, and we are called upon to consecrate our gold and silver upon the altar of God's service, and if we double our zeal and liberality and prayer, we may expect to see results in equal proportion.

Brother Samuel B. Swaim, of Ohio, seconded the resolution. He confined his remarks principally to Ohio. There are very many important villages, with a few Baptists, where they have no Baptist preaching. He stated many interesting facts, encouraging to the society.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

Resolved, That when we adjourn, we adjourn to meet in this place to-morrow morning, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

Resolved, That we adjourn.

Prayer by brother John Peck, of New-York.

Benediction by brother Daniel Dodge, of New-Jersey.

Saturday morning, 10 o'clock.

The society met pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the chair.

Prayer by brother Adiel Sherwood, of the District of Columbia.

The committee on elections reported in part.

The recommendation of the Executive Committee, to alter the fourth and fifth articles of the constitution, was presented to the society.

The recommendation was adopted. (See the annual report.)

The committee on nominations, reported a list of officers and directors for the society, and after some remarks, the committee retired for further deliberation.

The secretary read some further extracts from the annual report.

Brethren then followed in a free conference on the great interests of the society.

Brother Dwight Ives, of Alton, Illinois, said, that the great Valley is a grand field. And we are told, said he, that the importance of this field is felt. But I doubt it. When I am told that the men of this world fix a right estimate on that valley, I believe it; I see them sending out their agents and purchasers freely, and I see them going in crowds. Here is a proof that they feel the importance of what they profess. But is it so with the followers of Christ?

Public sentiment is now forming in that country, and they are now making their laws. We need good men, and we must have them. There are two ways by which the west may be supplied. One is, to transport the men from the east; the other to raise up men from among themselves. Both ways are desirable to some extent, but the great dependence must be on the latter.

He said he had come as a deputation from the trustees of the Shurthiff College; they had written and written for a president, but now he had come to get a man to place at the head of that institution. But he met with difficulties. The men who could fill that place are now engaged, and they could not be moved. He wept for fear he must return without accomplishing his object. In regard to that country as a missionary field, he represented it as most inviting. I have myself, said he, stood in the open prairie, surrounded by a thousand anxious hearers of the word of life. I have seen the youth of a whole village, fifty or sixty of them, turning to God.

Brother Daniel Dodge, of Newark, N. J., said that his mind was impressed with three things, *first*, with the importance of selecting suitable men for missionaries; *second*, the importance of a spirit of conciliation among those whose views of doctrines and measures do not perfectly coincide; and last, the destitute condition of Delaware and Maryland. On each of these points, he spoke at length, but on the last with great emotion and emphasis. He believed these two States to be more destitute than any others in the union. He believed also, that suitable brethren would need but little aid from the Missionary Society. The tears rolled down our aged brother's cheeks as he plead for particular places, with which he was acquainted in his younger days.

Brother S. B. Swaim, of Ohio, said that money was the principal thing now needed. Men we have; men who would be glad to labour in the ministry if they could be supported. Some, for this reason have left Ohio, and others may follow. It is melancholy, said he, to see the cause not built up; but still more so, to see it go down where it once flourished.

Brother Baldwin, of New-York, said that he was willing to go himself as a missionary, or share with those who do go, in their privations and hardships. He knew not why a missionary should live on poorer fare, or make greater sacrifices, than their brethren. Those who have comfortable salaries should divide. Lay brethren should consider this.

Brother L. Leonard, agent of the N. Y. Convention, spoke at some length on ways and means. If the State want money they do not wait for men to send it in, but send men after it. This is analogous to our agency system. By many facts he showed that this was the best way for raising money. He said he believed that the Home enterprise laid at the foundation of all our missionary efforts. He is an *agent*, and is willing to be looked upon as such. He related several facts, showing at once the importance of agencies, and the covetousness of the human heart.

The "book of benevolence" system underwent some review; as to its utility there was some difference of opinion. While one thought it better named the "book of covetousness," another thought it happily adapted to elicit the charities of the church.*

The committee on nominations reported in full; the report was adopted, and the officers and directors were unanimously elected, viz.

* System in our charities is of the last importance; yet, the best system without energy, will do nothing; while a poor system with energy will accomplish much. We often imagine that the machinery does not work well, while in fact all the fault is with those who work the machinery, or rather should work it. As to agencies, our opinion is expressed under that head in the report of the Executive Committee.

President.

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a committee on elections, reported the following list of persons, as
 id to seats in the society, as delegates ; and the committee was
 urged.

of Delegates to the American Baptist Home Mission Society.

*W-Hampshire State Convention, *Reuben Sawyer, Thomas
 , Mark Carpenter, *Oren Tracy, *Wm. Gault, *David Everett.
 ssachusetts, Fall River, A. Bronson.*

Uimantic Society, B. Cook.

*ode Island, Ladies' Western Association, 1st Baptist church, Pro-
 s, Thomas B. Ripley.*

rmont, Woodstock Association, E. Hutchinson.

*necticut, State Convention, J. Cookson, L. Howard, J. H. Baker,
 . Jennings.*

*o-York, State Convention, N. Kendrick, J. Peck, L. Leonard,
 Smitzer, and Alexander M. Beebee.*

*ashington Union Association, N. Fox, Dea. Harrington, H. F.
 rin.*

*ion Association, N. Y. and Ct. J. G. Collom, J. Warren, N. S.
 rson, W. Bowen, E. Baldwin, G. Horton, L. Cole, J. Cole,
 le, and H. A. Buck.*

chess County Association, L. W. Webster.

ighkeepsie Baptist Church, Thomas Wilkes.

*ith Church (N. Y. city,) Wm. Sharpe, John Spier, Wm. Tracy,
 Moore R. W. Seccumb,*

*nton-street Church, (N. Y. city) Rev. G. Benedict, James
 n.*

*oklyn Youths' Home Mission Society, S. Ilsley, L. Crawford, O.
 low, Alex. M. Lewis, E. Corning, T. Smith, E. Lewis.*

ten Island Baptist Church, S. White, J. Fountain, A. Reed:

*o-Jersey State Convention, G. S. Webb, M. J. Rhees, J. C. Har-
 S. Aaron, C. W. Mulford, Henry Smalley, W. D. Hires, D.*

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rth Carolina, Baptist Church at Raleigh, Thomas Meredith.

uth Carolina, Savannah River Association, J. T. Robert.

*gefield Baptist Association, W. B. Johnson, *N. W. Hodge s,
 . Chiles.*

kumbia, J. L. Reynolds.

* Absent.

Welsh Neck Association, Thomas Mason, A. Maclay, A. Knight, J. C. Harrison, A. Woods.
Illinois, Dwight Ives, *John M. Peck.

Resolved, That when we adjourn, we adjourn to meet in this place, to hear the Annual Sermon, by brother Richard Fuller, of Beaufort, South Carolina.

Resolved, That we adjourn.

Lord's Day, April 29, 1838.

Brother Fuller preached the Annual Sermon this evening, in Oliver-street, to an unusually large and interested assembly, from John xiii. 31. **"Therefore, when he was gone out, Jesus said, Now is the son of man glorified, and God is glorified in him."**

The preacher, after an eloquent introduction, which engaged the attention of the audience, observed that he would make but three simple reflections. 1. "Jesus Christ exulted in prospect of his sufferings for the glory of God. 2. In prospect of the victory he was about to achieve by them. 3. Because, he was about to give this world the most stupendous, the most illustrious display of the divine character."

The topics included in this division, were presented with uncommon pathos and energy.

Having dwelt much on the love of Christ, the preacher said, "my fathers and brethren of the Home Mission Society, what is the bond that has united us, but this love? We are united to promote his glory and exaltation. It is no distant cry that reaches you this night; no, it is from your neighbours. Our foreign objects, are of immense importance, but I know our home affairs have greater claims upon us, and involve higher responsibilities. They address us as christians, as men, as patriots. I come to press upon you the claims of your own country, after having seen what I have seen at Rome. Our young men are transplanted from the Valley to Rome, to have their hearts elated by the hopes of preferment more than princely, and then, to be sent back to your country," to [preach Romanism.]

After various and forcible appeals, to which, for want of time and room in these minutes, we cannot do justice, a collection was taken up for the society of \$220.

Thus closed our sixth anniversary, and from the whole we received this impression, that the cause of Home Missions has made a decided advance in the public estimation, as compared with other objects since our last meeting.

JOHN C. MURPHY,
Recording Secretary.

REPORT.

THE Executive Committee, it is almost needless to say, commenced the *sixth* year of their labours, under circumstances quite the reverse of what could have been desired. With an exhausted treasury, and no immediate prospect of replenishing it, they had a greater number of missionaries in the field to provide for, than at any previous period. So sudden had been the night-fall of tempest about them, that they had scarcely time to take up a single reef in their sails, when the disastrous gust which shivered the commerce and prostrated the mechanical and agricultural interests of our country, struck them with appalling force. Yet they now find themselves on the "farthest verge" of the year, accompanied with circumstances of divine favour to themselves, their fellow-labourers, and to the cause, which, though not unattended with embarrassment, call for a renewed expression of thankfulness to Almighty God.

Without farther preliminaries, the Committee beg leave to pass directly to a detailed account of their proceedings. And though not first in order of time, the importance of the event will justify them in noticing in this place,

THE RESIGNATION OF THE SENIOR CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

Our esteemed brother, Jonathan Going, who had sustained the duties of this office, either alone or with an associate, from the commencement of the society, has resigned his connexion, and, as the public have been apprised, has removed to another field and to another department of labour. In tendering his resignation to the Committee, in a communication under date of October 2, 1837, he says, "When on a tour of observation in the western country, in 1831, so deep was the interest I felt in its moral and intellectual improvement, that I solemnly devoted myself to its promotion. It was my purpose to endeavor to bring into existence a society whose exclusive object should be to aid in fully publishing the gospel, and in encouraging collateral instrumentalities throughout North America, but with primary reference to that most interesting and important section of our country, the west; and if that object could not be secured, to go my-

self into some part of the great valley, and do what I could by individual exertion."

From the same document, which we abridge only for want of room, it appears that after his efforts to originate such an institution had proved successful, he still cherished a latent hope of some day going in person, and of devoting himself principally to the training of young men for the ministry. "In my opinion," he continues, "the time has now arrived, when the cultivation of the ministerial talent, which exists in the western churches, is an essential part of the western enterprise, and when my withdrawal also from the immediate oversight of the society's operations will not compromise its interests, as they will continue to enjoy the supervision and undivided attention of my able colleague, whose intimate knowledge of the affairs of the society, and whose possession of the full confidence of the executive committee and of the churches, added to his devotion to the cause, are a sufficient guarantee of its prosperity."

Our brother, therefore, considers his removal to the presidency of the Granville Literary and Theological Institution, Ohio, and to the professorship of theology, as no relinquishment of an object so dear to him; "only a transfer from one department to another of the same grand enterprise."

In accepting his resignation, a series of resolutions were passed by the committee, expressive of their confidence and personal esteem—of their sense of the obligation the society is under for his faithful labours in organizing and advancing its interests, and of their earnest desires for his continued usefulness and prosperity. Thus, with the most friendly understanding on both parts, our brother bid adieu to his associates in labour.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The committee have also been called to regret the removal from the city, and consequent resignation, of two of their own number, brethren Charles L. Roberts, and John Blain. They were both esteemed and most valued members. The vacancies thus created, were filled by the election of brethren Jacob H. Brouner and Silas Ilsley.

DEATH OF THE AUDITOR.

Roswell Graves, M. D., who had served the society in this capacity for three years, has been called, since our last anniversary, from his labours on earth to his rest in heaven. While we would heed this as a solemn admonition to have our earthly concerns in a state of preparation for the great audit of the universe, we desire to record it with gratitude that this is the only instance of mortality among the board of officers, nearly sixty in number, that has oc-

curred for the last two years. The lives of all our missionaries have also been preserved.

Brother J. R. Ludlow, was appointed to fill this vacancy.

CONSTITUTION.

The committee would respectfully recommend that the 4th and 5th articles of the Constitution of the society, be so amended as to provide for only one Corresponding Secretary, as before the alteration in 1836. The business of the society requires the undivided attendance of one man at the rooms; nor is it found, on experience, that a system of alternate presence and absence, although attended with its own peculiar advantages, will in every respect answer the purpose. The frequent transfer of so large a correspondence, from the hands of one to another, with the thousand cares, mental plans, and nameless unwritten information that naturally flows to the office, is attended with inconvenience, and probably impairs unity of design and promptness in execution. The committee, therefore, are of opinion, that the secretaryship should devolve exclusively on one man, and that the collateral duties which were anticipated, when two were associated in this office, should be performed by agents. They therefore recommend as above. But to return.

One of the first acts of the Executive Committee on entering upon the business of the year, was, to adopt a resolution to "use extreme caution in making and renewing appointments." Another measure was, to request missionaries who had drafts maturing, to withhold them until notified of our ability to meet them. The object of this last was, not to cancel, only to throw forward our liabilities. This, however, availed but little. Necessity, which transcends all law, soon compelled our brethren, one after another, to call for their dues, to save their character from ruin, and their families from distress. Meantime, some of the churches listened to our appeal and sent us partial relief, which, aided by loans effected on the personal responsibility of members of the committee, and which have all been liquidated with one exception, enabled us gradually to meet all our obligations as fast as presented.

AGENCIES.

Such was the incertitude that overhung every branch of business in the early part of the season, that the committee were doubtful of the expediency of attempting much in this department. When they made inquiries east, west, north, or south, the response was invariably the same—"delay your application among us; wait for the times to improve." Yet something has been effected. Bro. H. A. Wilcox has made a few collections in North Carolina, principally on old subscriptions; brother G. F. Adams has served the

society a few weeks in Maryland and Virginia ; brother Thomas Rand, six months in the Dublin and Milford associations, N. H. ; brother J. M. Peck, nearly the whole year in Illinois, with one excursion into Missouri ; brother J. C. Murphy, what time his health would permit, in New-Jersey and in this city ; brother R. Winchell, late missionary agent in Upper Canada, commenced an agency in Ohio, early in March ; brother Jonathan Going spent about two months in visiting churches and public bodies in Massachusetts, and Luther Crawford about three months for the same purpose in Connecticut, New Hampshire, Vermont, and the city of Philadelphia. Meantime brethren John Peck and Lewis Leonard, supported by the New-York Convention, and brother C. O. Kimball of the Massachusetts Convention, have been prosecuting their arduous labours with their usual zeal. At one time, the friends of Home Missions had great reason to apprehend the speedy removal of our brother Peck from his sphere of usefulness on earth, but his health has, through mercy, been greatly restored.

We should not omit to mention in this place, a voluntary agency of brother J. M. Timmons, of South Carolina, whose efforts resulted in \$160 to the society. Such free-will offerings of personal service cannot be too highly appreciated.

In regard to the general subject of agencies, your committee are aware there is in the christian community some difference of opinion, as to their expediency. That a more plausible theory could be devised, there can be no doubt. Let every pastor, and every church, and every member of every church contribute all they ought, and do it in just proportion for each object of their own accord, and the whole labour and expense of agencies would be rendered unnecessary and useless. But as yet, in practice, we find that if we have no agents, we get but little money. Conscientious individuals there are, and some churches, who will send their offerings, asked or unasked, but even among those who are most friendly, our experience is well told in an extract from a letter of brother Rand, dated Hinsdale, N. H., Jan. 25, 1838. "Deacon Gault (treasurer of the convention) paid me \$198 55, from the four associations in N. H., which I did not visit ; whereas, the two I did visit, contributed \$411 11." Had the former have done in the same ratio with the latter, their bounty would have been more than \$800, a sum entirely within their means. The difference is to be imputed principally to the want of an agent. But take the country over, and this is better than the usual average. There are districts embracing some of our most wealthy churches where, if called upon, the brethren will impart freely ; but if not, the cause of benevolence is as little indebted to them at the close as at the beginning of the year. Hence we repeat, the experience of this society is, no agents, little money. Besides, the support of an agent is not a useless expenditure to be deducted from the

amount of his collections. If he be a man who has an ardent love for the souls of men, he will, like Paul, combine in himself the character both of an agent and an evangelist. He will prove a blessing to the churches and families who bid him God-speed.

MISSIONARIES.

Below, we give a table exhibiting the names of your missionaries, the fields of their labour,* the number of months served during the year preceding April the 1st, 1838; together with such facts as may be thrown in the brief form of remarks.

No.	NAMES.	RESIDENCE.			No. of months labored since Apr. 1, 1837.	REMARKS.
		TOWN OR POST O.	COUNTY.	STATE.		
1	Hiram Gear	Marietta	Washington	O.	12	Missionary and B. S. societies kept up. Br. G. assisted in constituting 4 chs. of which 2 were branches of the M. church.
2	Caleb Green	Southington	Trumbull	O.	12	His usefulness has been diminished for want of support.
3	William Rees	Delphi	Carroll	Ind.	12	Has rode 3027 miles; a time of declension. \$100 paid to benev. pur.
4	William Spencer	Jacksonville	Sangamon	Ill.	12	Has supplied 4 chs. All been refreshed.
5	John Logan	Macombs	McDonough	Ill.	12	Building 2 M. houses. Have began to take gr. collect's for benev. pur.
6	Wm. Sedwick	Zanesville	Muskingum	O.	3	Supplied 3 chs. Left the service to become pastor of 1st ch. in Z. Is now supported.
7	Ezra Fisher	Quincy	Adams	Ill.	12	Building a M. House. Have 2 young men studying for ministry.
8	F. M. Peck	Rock Spring	St. Clair	Ill.	12	Ag't. Has trav'd 9750 m.
9	Moses Lomen	Kane	Greene	Ill.	12	Has baptized 70. Built 2 meet'g houses; raised \$100 for benev. pur.
10	Lewis Williams	Union	Franklin	Mo.	12	Has travelled in the St. Louis Association.
11	James Williams	Potosi	Washington	Mo.	12	Built a meeting house.
12	Henry Carr	Akron	Portage	O.	12	Not being supported, he resigned, and now preaches only Sabbaths.
13	Amasa Clark	Hiram	Portage	O.	9	
14	Peter Chase	Berkshire	Franklin	Vt.	6	Has labored in L. Con.
15	David Orr	Smithville	Lawrence	Ark.	12	Salary supplied by lad. Western Ass. of 1st Ep. ch. Providence, N. H.
16	W. W. Tucker	Potosi	Washington	Mo.	12	
17	J. L. Richmond	Canneaut	Ashtabula	O.	2	Supports himself principally by a school.
18	W. A. Bronson	Dexter	Washtenaw	Mic.	3	A M.H. is building. Declined re-appointm. on account of illness.

*This table will mark their post office address, and often only indicate the region in which they travel.

19 Daniel Palmer	Printers' Retreat	Switzerland	Ia.	12	
20 Jacob Price	Edwardsburg		Mic.	12	Ch. have assumed his mp. because times are hard. Building a M.H.
21 Kemp Scott	Mount Pleasant	Cooper	Mo.	12	Has lab'd in midst of a revival most of yr. Can do but little for S.B. because he has to supply so many churches.
22 Joseph Gambell	Grand Blanc		Mic.	12	
22 John Peck	New Woodstock	Madison	N.Y.	12	Agent Supported by New York Convention.
24 Nath'l Richmond	Pendleton	Madison	Ia.	7	
25 J. E. Ambrose	Plainfield	Cook	Ill.	12	Has spent \$500 of his own property to support the cause in this place.
26 William Geary	Belleville		U.C.	12	
27 Joel Sweet	Pleasant Vale	Pike	Ill.	2	Served as agent here settled as pastor.
28 John Clark	N. Boston	Mercer	Ill.	12	
29 Nathan West	Canton	Fulton	Ill.	1	
30 Robert Powell	Clinton	Macomb	Mic.	3	Serves as agent of Michigan Convention.
31 Bezaleel Hill	Dover and Avon	Cayahoga	O.	12	Raised \$25 for ben. pr.
32 John Micon	Louisville	Winston	Mi.	3	
33 Samuel Love	Knoxville	Knox	Ten.	4	
34 Jeremiah Hall	Kalamazoo	Kalamazoo	Mic.	9	Ch. has assumed his mp.
35 William Rees	Brantford		U.C.	12	
36 George Mathews	Lawrenceburg	Dearborn	Ia.	12	
37 A. P. Williams	Palestine	Cooper Co.	Mo.	12	Has lately removed to this part of Missouri.
38 T. R. Cressy	Columbus	Franklin	O.	12	Ch. is building a M.H.
39 John Mitchell	Saline		Mic.	12	
40 Eber Crane	Franklin	Portage	O.	12	Has been here but a short time. Ch. building a meeting house.
41 Robert T. Daniel	Paris	Henry	Ten.	12	Is app. min. up. and is expected to call soon.
42 Calvin Greenleaf	Griggsville	Pike	Ill.	12	
43 Isaac T. Hinton	Chicago	Cook	Ill.	12	Ch. and cong. h. raised about \$150 for ben. pr.
44 Henry McElmery	Greenville	Wayne	Mo.	12	
45 A. B. Hubbard	Du Page	Will	Ill.	6	Changed his field and resigned his contract.
46 John O. Birdsall	Perrysburg	Wood	O.	12	
47 Reuben Winchell	Missionary Ag't				Laboured in U. C. all Feb. since then in Ohio.
48 Thomas Hughes	Radnor	Delaware	O.	12	Preacher in Welsh only
49 Geo. F. Adams	Baltimore	Baltimore	Md.	12	
50 Norman Parks	Warsaw	Hancock	Ill.	12	
51 Robert Adams	Battle Creek		Mic.	12	This yr. sup. by his pa.
52 T. Y. R. Jones	Coldwater	Branch	Mic.	8	Paid by the Mich. Con.
53 Wm. J. Cooley	Diamond Spring	Clinton	Ill.	12	
54 Nathan Arnett	Belleville	St. Clair	Ill.	12	Sp'd 100, rec. 30 by let.
55 H. A. Wilcox	North Carolina				Has rendered service as ag. chiefly in collecting old subscriptions.
56 Edward Hodge	Medina	Lenawee	Mic.	12	Has formed 2 societies auxiliary to this society.
57 Supply Chase	Mt. Clemens	Macomb	Mic.	12	Has enjoyed revival in neigh. settlements.
58 Moses Ware	Ridgeville	Lorain	O.	2	
59 A. R. Hunkley	Sparta	Dearborn	Ia.	6	Removed to Franklin, Johnson co. Sep. 17th.
60 Wm. Fraser	Glengarry		U.C.	12	Preacher in English and Highland Scotch.
61 John Booth	Agent in		Mic.	5	Time expired in Sept. and is now by R. French.

62	Wm. H. Devall	Martineau	Cole	Mo.	12	
63	Silas Barnes	Aurora	Portage	O.	12	Raised \$75 for ben. pa. Many converted at prot. meetings in diff. places.
64	Oren N. Sage	Massillon	Starks	O.	12	Built M. H. cost \$7000. Raised \$50 for ben. par.
65	Thomas Powell	Vermilionville	Leaalle	Ill.	2	
66	C. O. Kimball	Massachusetts	Agent	12		Sup. by Mass. Conven.
67	William Nolen	Effingham	Darlington	S. C.	6	
68	D. C. Watto	Illyria	Lorain	O.	6	Resigned and gone is- to another field.
69	J. C. Allison	St. Catherine's		U. C.	2	
70	Alexander Evans	Burlington	Deamones	Wis.	12	
71	Wm. Shadrach	Alleghanytown		Pa.	2	Removed to N. Market st. ch., Phil. Raised \$30.
72	J. E. Maxwell	Toronto & Nelson		U. C.	2	Edits the U. C. B. Mag.
73	C. W. Denison	Wilmington	Newcastle	Del.	12	Last 5 months miss. ag. Raised \$150 for ben. par. Distri. 50,000 pp. tracts.
74	Richard Griffing	Milwankio		Wis.	12	
75	N. G. Chase	Michigan City	La Porte	Is.	9	
76	Thomas Rand	Agent in New	Hampshire		6	He made a short tour in Vermont.
77	William Macom		Greenville	Mo.	9	
78	Reuben Morey	Madison	Madison	Is.	12	
79	J. D. Crabs	Salem	Washington	Is.	9	Is now supported by ch.
80	J. D. Newell	Bloomington	McLean	Ill.	12	Laboured till October at Rushville.
81	E. D. Owen	Richmond	Wayne	Is.	12	Building M. H. \$2500 subscribed. Raised \$40 for benevolent purposes.
82	Joseph Mettam	Pikesville	Baltimore	Md.	12	
83	John Butler	Rawdon		U. C.	2	Laboured last year at Tharlow, Upper Can.
84	B. F. Brabrook	St. Louis	St. Louis	Mo.	10	
85	J. Merriam	Springfield	Sangamon	Ill.	12	Ch. and cong. raised \$134.25 for ben. purpos. Monthly concert obs'd. Maternal Association.
86	Reuben Coffey	Bloomington	Monroe	Is.	2	
87	R. S. D. Caldwell	Union	Franklin	Mo.	12	
88	John Woodrome	Smithville	Lawrence	Ark.	6	
89	G. W. Baines	Crooked Creek	Carroll	Ark.	9	From Tuscaloosa, Ala.
90	William Suttle	Smithville	Lawrence	Ark.	6	
91	Harvey Miller	Ann Harbour	Washtenaw	Mic.	8	
92	Thomas Mercer	Liberty	Izard	Ark.	6	
93	E. Veach	Bloomington	McLean		9	
94	A. M. Gardner	Peoria	Peoria	Ill.	4	
95	A. Riddler	Peoria	Peoria	Ill.	6	
96	Edward Mitchell	Georgeville	Stanstead	L. C.	6	Brothers in L. C. except P. Chase, are sup. by funds to be raised in Vt.
97	J. Baldwin	Barnstead	Stanstead	L. C.	6	Become ag. for Vt. Con.
98	Prosper Powell	Hatley	Stanstead	L. C.	6	
99	Israel Ide	Newport	Orleans	Vt.	6	Labours in L. Canada.
100	Samuel B. Ryder	Potton		L. C.	6	
101	M. Britan	North Troy		Vt.	6	Labours in L. Canada.
102	O. T. Hammond	Tallahassee		Flor.	2	
103	Samuel Cooke	Agent in Eastern	States			
104	P. Williams	Cape Girardeau	C. Girardeau	Mo.	2	
105	David Williams	Union	Franklin	Mo.	2	
106	Thomas H. Ford	Payson	Adams	Ill.		
107	E. Macomber	Meadville	Crawford	Pa.	12	Raised \$70 for H. Mm.
108	John B. Graham	Liberty	Izard	Ark.		
109	B. Hawkins	Liberty	Izard	Ark.		
110	Otis Briggs	Ag't in Mid. and	South'n States			

111	Lewis Leonard	Agent		N. Y.	12	Sep. by Convention.
112	E. W. Freeman	Strongsville	Cayuhoga	O.		
113	— Wheeler			Ill.		
114	H. J. Hall	Mongoquinon	La Grange	la.	4½	This bro. with the 2 following, were under a commission of North la. Miss. Soc.
115	Hiram Perkins	Johnson	Noble	la.	3	
116	Levi M. Mack	Orland	Steuben	la.	3	

MISSIONARIES OF AUXILIARIES.

N. B. Where appropriations are made to assist churches in the support of their pastors, they will be reckoned as missionaries.

1. *The Baptist Convention of the State of Maine.* 4. *The Baptist Convention of the State of Massachusetts.*

No information has been received.

2. *The Baptist Convention of the State of New-Hampshire.*

NAMES. FIELDS.

- 118 P. Richardson, Agent,
119 E. Magregory, Conway,
120 S. Cooke, Hampton Falls,
121 P. Chamberlain, Coos Co.,
122 D. Mattison, 2d Meredith,
123 S. C. Gilbert, Stratham,
124 P. C. Himes, Wilnot.

Appropriations have been made to eight other preachers.

3. *The Baptist Convention of the State of Vermont.*

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| 133 E. Mitchell, | Eaton & vic'ty, L. C. |
| 134 P. Powell, | Hatley, " L. C. |
| 135 J. Baldwin, | Barnston, " L. C. |
| 136 S. Davison, | } Danville Association. |
| 137 D. W. Burroughs, | |
| 138 S. G. Kinne, | |
| 139 E. K. Bailey, | |
| 140 I. Ide, | |
| 141 S. Combs, | } Barre Association. |
| 142 B. Willard, | |
| 143 S. Root, | |
| 144 L. Kimball, | |
| 145 L. Colver, | |
| 146 — Blood, | |
| 147 J. Parker, | |
| 148 A. Arnold, | |
| 149 J. P. Huntington, | |
| 150 — Blodget, | |

Appropriations were made to eight.

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| 151 Burlington, | 155 Felchville, |
| 152 Charlotte, | 156 Plymouth, |
| 153 Cavondish, | 157 Middlesex, |
| 154 Denby, | 158 Winhall. |

- 159 D. Wright, W. part of the State,
160 S. T. Adams, Sudbury,
161 H. Marchant, In Barnstable Ass.,
162 R. F. Ellis, West'fd & Belchr'm,
[The following were assisted as pastors.]

NAMES. FIELDS.

- 163 N. G. Lovell, Amherst,
164 G. J. Carleton, Andover,
165 J. Glazier, Athol,
166 J. Walker, Barre,
167 O. Wing, 2 Beverly,
168 J. Furbush, Bellerica,
169 C. Benson, Dartmouth,
170 A. Morse, Fitchburg,
171 N. B. Jones, Hardwick and Ware,
172 W. Munger, Holland,
173 W. Burlingame, Hingham,
174 J. Greene, Leicester,
175 M. Harrington, Leominster,
176 A. Haynes, Medway,
177 F. A. Willard, Newton,
178 H. C. Combs, Norton,
179 L. Fay, South Orange,
180 J. Holbrook, Scituate,
181 W. Glover, Spencer,
182 W. A. Graves, 1st Springfield,
183 P. Brockett, 2d Springfield,
184 I. B. Broomer, 2d Sutton,
185 A. Fisher, Swansey,
186 H. Clark, Taunton,
187 J. Barnaby, Townsend,
188 I. W. Parkis, Tyngaboro,
189 O. Converse, Westboro,
190 L. Rice, Whateley,
191 W. Cooper, Winchester,

[Appropriations to churches.

- 192 Belcherstown,
193 Chelsea, Supply'd by Students,
194 Gloucester Harbor, " Licentiate,
195 East Granville, " Students,
196 Marshfield,

197 N. Marshfield
 198 Northfield,
 199 East Randolph, Sup. by Students,
 200 Rowe,
 201 Royalston,
 202 2d Colerain,
 203 2d Reading,

“ Licentiate,

5. *The Baptist Convention of the State of Rhode Island.*

The latest account from Rhode Island is only from April, 1837.

204 J. Waterman, Westerly,
 205 D. W. Phillips, Lime Rock,
 206 J. S. Dill, New Shoreham,
 207 B. Miner, Woonsocket,
 208 D. Bennett, Richmond,

209 B. C. Grafton, Wickford,
 210 Z. Tobey, Bristol.

6. *The Baptist Convention of the State of Connecticut.*

211 G. Phippen, Ag't and missionary,
 212 W. Bentley, Missionary.

[The following churches were assisted either in sustaining pastors, or in obtaining supplies.]

213 Colchester,	220 Lisbon,
214 Tariffville,	221 Bozrah,
215 Killingworth,	222 Tolland,
216 North Haven,	223 Strafford,
217 2d Middletown.	224 E. Windsor,
218 3d Ashford,	225 Hampton.
219 Marlborough,	226 Hadlyme.

7. *The Baptist Convention of the State of New-York.*

APPROPRIATIONS.

227 John S. Whiteman,	Amsterdam,	Montgomery,
228 Samuel B. Willis,	Athens,	Greene,
229 Joel W. Ney,	Attica,	Genesee,
230 Absalom B. Earle,	Auriesville,	Montgomery,
231 William W. Smith,	Batavia,	Genesee,
232 E. B. Sparks,	Bainbridge,	Chenango,
233 Pliny Sabin,	Blood's Corners,	Steuben,
234 W. W. Parker, H. Taylor,	Byron,	Genesee,
235 A. Thorp,	Bristol and Naples,	Ontario,
236 Thomas Stokes,	Cairo,	Greene,
237 Marvin Allen,	Canandaigua Village,	Ontario,
238 R. P. Lamb,	Clinton,	Oneida,
239 H. H. Haff,	Corinth,	Saratoga,
240 Henry B. Ewell,	Dunkirk,	Chautauque,
241 A. Thorp,	First Canandaigua,	Ontario,
242 H. H. Haff,	First Greenfield,	Saratoga,
243 E. B. Sparks,	First Guilford,	Chenango,
244 Archibald Wait,	Fort Edward,	Washington,
245 U. B. Miller,	Geneva,	Ontario,
246 James Amner,	Hamden,	Delaware,
247 Daniel M. Root,	Howard,	Steuben,
248 J. S. C. F. Frey, & J. Seger,	Jamaica,	Queens,
249 Asahel Chapin,	Jamestown,	Chautauque,
250 James Cleghorn,	Kempville,	Niagara,
251 Alanson Draper,	Lansing and Genoa,	Cayuga,
252 Henry Topping,	Leesville,	Schoharie,
253 D. Morris, J. W. Olmsted,	Little Falls,	Herkimer,
254 Noah Barrell,	Lockville,	Wayne,
255	Malta,	Saratoga,
256 O. H. Reed,	McDonough,	Chenango,
257	New Berlin village,	“
258	Parish,	Oswego,
259 David W. Gifford,	Phoenix,	“
260 Horace Jones,	Pompey,	Onondaga,
261 Philo Forbes,	Sandy Creek,	Oswego,
262 A. Osgood, J. Beetham,	Saugerties,	Ulster,
263 Harley Miner,	Second Walworth,	Wayne,
264 James Amner,	Second Franklin,	Delaware,
265 W. F. Purinton,	Second Solon,	Cortland,
266 David B. Crane,	Sidney,	Delaware,
267 David B. Crane,	Sidney and Unadilla,	“
268 David Dusenbury,	S. Butler and Savanna,	Wayne,

269 Thomas Durfee,	Tompkins,	Delaware,
270 — Short,	Villanovia,	Chautauque,
271 Philander Taylor,	Wappassena,	Tioga,
272 Moses Rowley,	Waterloo,	Seneca,
273 W. T. Boynton,	Westfield,	Chautauque,
274 George Lyle,	Wilna,	Jefferson,
275 Tracy Scott,	Wilson,	Niagara.

APPOINTMENTS.

<i>Missionaries.</i>	<i>Fields of Labour.</i>	<i>Weeks.</i>
276 Joseph W. Parker,	Susquehanna, Bradford, and Luzerne counties, Pa ,	52
277 William Groom,	Johnstown, Gloversville, and vicinity,	52
278 William M. Fay,	Northern counties, New-York,	52
279 Samuel Messenger,	Jackson and McKean counties, Pa.	52
280 Varanes Bemis,	Cataaugus Association,	52
281 Bartimus Braman,	Chautauque Association,	52
282 Samuel Davison,	Oswego county,	60
283 Absalom B. Earle,	Auriesville, Fonda, Fultonville, and vicinity,	52
284 Emory Curtis,	Lancaster, Clarence, Williamsville, and vicinity,	52
285 James Clarke,	Potter county, Pa.	26
286 Ashna Lawton,	Lyme, and vicinity, Jefferson county,	26
287 William H. Turton,	West part of Orange county, and vicinity,	26
288 James Mallory,	Otsego Association,	26
289 John B. Chase,	Canisteo River Association,	26
290 Abraham Williams,	North part of Oneida Association,	12
291 A. Sherwood,	South Virgil, and vicinity,	12
292 Pliny Sabins,	West side of Canandaigua Lake,	12
293 Samuel Gilbert,	Tonawanda Station, and vicinity,	7
294 Martin Colman,	" " "	6

8. *The Baptist Convention of the State of New-Jersey.* tries of this convention; the latter, paying one third of their salaries. Also,

295 P. Simonson, Agent,	316 James Leman,	317 H. Headly.
296 E. Sexton, Mannahawkin,		
297 T. Barrass, Scot's Mountain,		
298 J. M. Carpenter, Schooley's Mountain,		
299 J. Jones, Cape May,		
300 C. Brinkenhoof, New Foundland,		
301 W. Shepperd, Port Elizabeth,		
302 D. P. Purdun, Squan.		

[*Appropriations made to eleven churches.*] 12. *The Northern Ia. Baptist Missionary Society.*

303 Cedarville,	309 Oxford,	
304 Morristown	310 Delaware,	
305 Vincentown,	311 Lambertville,	
306 Freehold,	312 Rahway,	
307 Jefferson's Vil'e,	318 Allowaystown.	
308 Northfield,		

Three missionaries placed above with those of the parent society, as they received a part of their support therefrom.

13. *The Franklin Baptist Home Missionary Society, Missouri.*

Four missionaries placed above for the same reason, as given in the last.

N.B. The following are auxiliaries, whose object it is to supply the parent society with funds. Some of them also select missionaries from those appointed by the parent society as correspondents.

9. *The Baptist Convention of the State of Pennsylvania.*

314 E. Going, Agent,		
315 G. Higgins, Missionary		

10. *The Missionary Society of the Rocky River Association.*

No information has been received.

11. *The Baptist Convention of the State of Illinois.*

All the missionaries of the Parent Society in this state, (see above) are missionaries of this convention; the latter, paying one third of their salaries. Also,

14. *The Youth's Dom. M. S., N. Y. City.*

15. *The Youth's D. M. S. Brooklyn, N. Y.*

16. *The Ladies W. A. Providence, R. I.*

17. *The Philadelphia Bap. Fem. D. M. S.*

18. *The Bap. F. M. S. Stanton-st., N. Y.*

MISSIONARIES OF SOCIETIES NOT AUXILIARY.

1. *The Baptist General Association of Maryland.*

2 Two Missionaries.

2. *General Association of Virginia.*

3 V. M. Mason, General Agent,
 16 Thirteen Miss'ies, Below Blue Ridge,
 18 Two do In the Valley,
 30 Twelve do In Western Va

3. *The North Carolina Baptist State Convention.*

31 R. Jacks, 34 E. Philips,
 32 G. Douglass, 35 A. Shattuck
 33 W. J. Finlay,

4. *South Carolina.*

The convention of this State employ no missionaries. The desideratum however is partially supplied by the associations, most of which are missionary bodies.

From them we have no information.

5. *The Baptist Convention of the State of Georgia.*

37 Two missionaries. Several associations employ missionaries from whom we have not heard.

6. *The Baptist State Convention of Alabama.*

38 H. Holcombe, } Agents.
 39 B. S. Fant, }
 40 H. W. Hodges, 42 ——— Giron,
 41 T. Atkinson, 43 ——— Taliafero

7. *The Baptist Convention of the State of Mississippi.*

44 One missionary. Besides the convention, which is in its infancy, there are in Mississippi, five Baptist societies which send out missionaries, what number we are not informed.

8. *Louisiana.*

There is a missionary society in this State from which we have not heard.

9. *The Baptist Convention of the State of Tennessee.*

45 C. Taliafero, }
 46 R. H. Taliafero, } East Tennessee.
 47 J. Selvidge, }

48 N. Cate,
 49 R. Williams, } Middle Tennessee.
 50 J. Bond, }

51 O. Dodson,
 52 L. Halliburton,
 53 I. R. Edwards,
 54 M. T. Spann,
 55 I. Browning, } West Tennessee
 56 J. C. Martin,
 57 D. Gordon,
 58 J. G. Hall.
 59 G. Stovall,

10. *The Baptist General Association of Kentucky.*

No report received.

11. *The Ohio Baptist Convention.*

60 H. Johnson, agent.
 61 O. Owens, 69 R. W. McGowan,
 62 E. Frey, 70 S. Barnes,
 63 P. Derry, 71 L. Culver,
 64 R. H. Sedwick, 72 L. M. Mack,
 65 J. Gabriel, 73 B. White,
 66 A. Waters, 74 J. Stearns,
 67 R. Berkley, 75 W. Spencer,
 68 H. Burned, 76 W. Stone.

12. *The Baptist General Association of Indiana.*

77 T. Hill, jr, is agent and missionary,
 78 T. C. Townsend, 80 John Eaton,
 79 W. Stencil, 81 W. T. Scott,
 82 J. Crabbs, } In connexion with
 83 R. Coffey, } the Amer. Bap Home
 84 N. Richmond, } Mission Society

13. *The Baptist Convention of the State of Michigan.*

85 John Booth, agent, supported by the A. B. H. M. Society.
 86 T. Y. R. Jones, 88 S. Goodman,
 87 S. M. Rice.

[There are also domestic missionary societies in Upper Canada, Lower Canada, and Nova Scotia. Of the two former, we have no account of their missionaries; of the latter, see appendix A.]

SUMMARY.

From the above it appears that this society and its auxiliaries, have had 317 missionaries in the field, during the whole or parts of the year. To these we might add 88 appointed by religious bodies, not auxiliary, making 405 in the denomination of whom

we have definite information.* The true number is much greater, but how much, we have no means for ascertaining. We are happy to witness a very decided improvement in the statistics of our auxiliaries. Yet as some of their reports are quite imperfect as to the results of labour, the following pages will relate exclusively to the operations of the parent society. For the success of auxiliaries, and the amount of their labours, see appendix B.

The parent society then, have had under their commission, 116 missionaries. These have been scattered through 17 States, Territories, and Provinces; and have supplied with the word of life, 237 churches or congregations, besides attending numerous protracted meetings, associations, and the like, and making wide preaching excursions through wild and destitute regions. By comparing the present with the list of the last year, it will be seen, that acting under our cautionary resolution, the names of 31 brethren have disappeared, while the number of those newly commissioned, is not sufficient to fill their vacancies, showing a decrease of 13. Thus, at the very moment when every consideration, which should influence a pious mind, seemed to call for enlargement, for want of means, the committee have been obliged to contract their operations. Yet, in another point of view, the comparison is more pleasing. The aggregate number of years they have laboured is a fraction more than 81; have travelled 82,343 miles, and preached 11,840 sermons. In this statement, as well as in those that follow, we have made some allowance for the imperfection of our returns.

RESULTS OF LABOUR.

On this subject, we profess to speak only of the visible and more tangible; and here confining ourselves to a few points, leaving the secret influences that may have insinuated themselves into the hearts of the people, the perfecting of the church in knowledge and the deepening of her piety, the public blessings that may have been secured, or calamities averted, to be revealed in the last day. The schoolmen's adage, that "the unknown of the universe is more than the known," is applicable here. Yet God has shown us enough to quicken our faith and to enkindle our joys—joys such as angels feel when they behold sinners bathed in penitence, first looking to the Lamb of God. Our missionaries have universally encouraged Sabbath schools, and have had a large number under their supervision, embracing probably, not far from

*Though we have entered into an extensive correspondence with brethren in almost every State in the Union, we cannot flatter ourselves that our information approaches anywhere near to perfection. Yet it is the best that could be obtained. If any have objections to becoming auxiliary, a thing about which we are not solicitous, only as it may promote the mutual interests of the parties, and advance the Redeemer's Kingdom, they cannot, we think, hesitate to furnish us with their minutes, or even with written information.

5000 scholars. Bible classes are quite common, and are of great service in preparing the more advanced pupils for teachers. The temperance cause has received their hearty support, and nearly all mention having delivered addresses. Societies exist in most congregations, usually in connexion with other denominations, as it is found that a common foe can more successfully be met and repulsed by united phalanx. The total abstinence principle is rapidly gaining friends. Too much emphasis cannot be laid upon the importance of this institution, as an auxiliary in promoting the spread of the gospel and the salvation of men. The number of brethren in whose ordination our missionaries have assisted, is 13, and of churches in the constituting of which they have been concerned, is 29. They have received to the fellowship of the churches, 2139 persons, viz.: by baptism, 1431, and 708 by letter. A number of churches much greater than the previous year, have enjoyed seasons of special refreshing. Many hundreds have been hopefully converted, who have not yet publicly professed Christ, or have been baptized by the associates of our missionaries. One of them, for instance, has laboured in protracted meetings, where there were more than three hundred, in the judgment of charity, converted, of whom he baptized none.

REVIEW OF FIELDS—EPITOME OF CORRESPONDENCE.

It is delightful to contemplate the results of christian labour as *a whole*, and to dwell on the great principles that may be deduced from the facts that have been developed, yet the detail of those facts is not less satisfactory, and is calculated to make even a deeper impression on the minds of the many. The mention of a revival of religion, a most glorious event, importing that many souls have been made meet for heaven, may not awaken that peculiar sensation of joy in the pious heart as the circumstantial relation of the work of the Spirit in effecting the eternal rescue of one sinner. The reason is, a particular is always more impressive than a general view. But to such minuteness, our limits will not allow us to descend. We can do but little more than point to the different fields of labour in their geographical order, and occasionally allow a missionary to speak in his own language.

1. We commence with *Pennsylvania*, where we have had two missionaries, one at Alleghanytown, opposite Pittsburgh, and the other in Crawford, Erie, and Clearfield counties; both west of the mountains.

Brother William Shadrack, of the former place, represents the church, which had grown up principally under his labours, as having passed through severe trials, resulting in the loss of some members. Their unhappy state led those who loved the cause to cry earnestly to God. "About the commencement of the new

year," he remarks, "it was agreed to hold a continued meeting. The first week was occupied in social exercises altogether, and the brethren seemed to draw consolation from the fountain of life. We were humbled that we might be exalted.

It was not long before we perceived, together with an increased fervor among the members, some indications of the Spirit moving upon the great deep of the heart of sinners. The anxious were invited forward for prayers. One solitary person came on the first invitation, after that another, and still another, till we had nine or ten weeping, mourning souls together, anxiously inquiring what they must do to be saved. He that wounded healed them; He that slew them, gave them life. Glory to his name!"

Their meeting continued each evening for four weeks, with increasing interest. Two persons that came there on a visit to their friends, returned, having found Christ. Fourteen have been baptized.

Our brother Shadrack, it is understood, leaves his present charge at the close of his year, and is to be succeeded by a young brother of less family, the whole of whose support the church will assume—an end which the committee wish in every case to see attained.

Brother Edward Macomber has occupied a wider field. One fourth of his time was spent in Meadville, an important town, and the seat of a college, under Methodist control. The Baptist church is "weak, and the cause rather low." "Feeling," says he, "an ardent desire that the little band might have something to encourage their hearts and strengthen their hands, I thought it might be profitable to attempt a special effort in the village before I left." The result is not yet known. Since the last August, he has preached about 130 sermons, besides his regular Sabbath appointments—attended the constitution of two churches, and baptized twelve persons—has a Bible class, and flourishing Sabbath school. Besides, he has laboured in five protracted meetings, in which it has been estimated that more than one hundred souls were converted, of whom forty or fifty have been baptized, by the pastors of the respective churches. A paper signed by the officers or members of five churches, applying to the Society for his re-appointment, says, "that the destitution in those western counties is very great, and the calls for Baptist preachers many and urgent, but none to answer;" over which state of things, they have wept, and now earnestly beseech of the Committee to grant further assistance. This is doubtless a field rich in promise.

In this State, we are happy to say, a convention was formed about the time of our last anniversary, with a design of superseding the two missionary societies that had existed, by combining both in one. These societies, though dead, yet live, and will live for evermore in grateful recollection. One of them enjoyed

the labours of the devoted Eugenio Kincaid, now of Burmah, as its first agent and missionary. Within the space of four years, previous to his embarkation to a pagan land, in 1830, "he travelled," says their report, "more than 20,000 miles, exploring our State and preaching in its most destitute and dreary regions, and in some instances, where the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, had never before been seen." During his connexion with it, he seems to have been the life of the institution; he loved the cause, he loved the souls of men wherever found; and when he heard his Master say "go yonder," he conferred not with worldly considerations. Bidding adieu to the rugged scenery of the Alleghanies, and the lovely vales where the Susquehannah "rolls her waves of blue," he goes as the ambassador of the King of kings, to sound an alarm in the ear of the golden city, and baptize her penitent sons in the waters of the unconsecrated Irrawaddy. Recollections like these should fire the bosom of the Home Missionary and of his supporters. The work of saving souls is one; as noble zeal, as ardent love, as eminent sacrifices, as indefatigable toil, may be exhibited, and as glorious a crown won, here among the perishing millions of our native soil, as in any clime beneath the whole heavens!

2. In *Delaware*, our brother Charles W. Denison is our only missionary. For two years he has laboured with gratifying success, as pastor of the Second Baptist Church in Wilmington, with which office for the last six months, he has associated the duties of a missionary agent in that State. In a late communication he says, "The more I have travelled down the region between the Delaware and Chesapeake bays, the more I have been astonished and appalled at the moral destitution. I found to my grief that the half had not been told me. I never before felt the full force of the appeals for aid which I have formerly published for Home Missionaries. Oh! it would have made your heart ache to its core to see what I saw, and to hear what I heard."

"I do not say this reproachfully of our churches, scattered in Delaware and on the eastern shore of Maryland and Virginia, for I love them as vines of my Redeemer's planting. But it is mournful to gaze on their weakened and decaying condition."

'Some, alas, we fear are blighted;
Scarce a single leaf they show.'

"Of these churches there are about ten, with half that number of pastors, and about eight hundred communicants. Some of them enjoy preaching once a month, and some not so often. They are generally opposed to all benevolent institutions; yet, there are pleasing exceptions in individual members."

At Summit Bridge a meeting house was given to our brethren the last summer; another at Dover, the capitol, was put at their disposal by the liberality of Presbyterian friends; at Milford, and the county adjoining Maryland, the pulpits of some opposing

brethren, have been opened to an aged brother, whom Providence seems to have pointed out as a future labourer in those parts. He will need help from the Home Mission Society. At New-Castle, the county town, our missionary recently baptized, "after intermission of the ordinance for more than twenty years." We anticipate the happiest results from the occasional tours of our brother, and regret that he should be left to labour so nearly alone.

3. In *Maryland*, the society has had two missionaries, brother G. F. Adams, in the Calvert-st. Church, Baltimore, and brother J. Mettam, at Pikesville. Of the former place, brother A. says, "the movement is still onward though slow. Prayer, I trust, will prevail in our behalf, and we shall yet see the work of the Lord prosper in our midst." He has laboured most industriously, preached, visited, exhorted, in season, out of season, but in a soil that has not cheered him with much visible fruit. We have admired the perseverance of our brethren there, and cannot but send up the ejaculation in their behalf—Oh that God would rend the heavens, that he would come down for their help!

Brother Mettam, though, much to his grief, trammelled by a worldly occupation, has burned with a zeal that would not allow him to hold his peace. He has extended his travels five or six hundred miles, distributing tracts, visiting the sick, attending funerals, and proclaiming the glad tidings of salvation. Among those whom he has baptized, we find particular mention made of Martha, daughter of the late Dr. Price, missionary to Burmah.

In *Maryland*. there are a few Baptist churches, (some of these possessing a kindred spirit with those mentioned in *Delaware*,) scattered amid a population of five hundred thousand. The number of their ministers, favourable or unfavourable to christian effort, probably does not exceed twenty. Here popery exerts her most ripened, and therefore pernicious influence. What she would everywhere do, had she the power, may be inferred from the fact, that bringing infidelity to her alliance, she has prohibited the use of that hated book, the Bible, in the public schools of *Baltimore*.

4. *Virginia*. One of our missionaries, Brother Gear, has laboured a part of his time in the bounds of the Parkersburg Association, along the Ohio river. In this region, in times past, such has been the destitution of Baptist privileges, that not a few whose prepossessions were in favour of our sentiments, were reduced to the alternative to unite with pedobaptist churches, or with none at all. As opportunity has presented, those who were not effectually wonted away, have betaken themselves to the people of their first choice. The number of such within a few years, is estimated at one hundred! This demonstrates the importance of sending the gospel to those scattered in destitute places.

Prodigal's Return.

On the last Saturday in March, our missionary and others, had been invited to the dedication of a meeting house in Parkersburg, and though on account of the painting, this service was deferred, it was an occasion of uncommon interest, rendered especially so by the return of a wanderer to his father's house and people, in the person of F. H. J——, once a student at Hamilton, a Baptist preacher for fifteen years, and the latter part of the time, a member of the church in Utica, N. Y. With his mind disaffected on a subject that then agitated the churches, he went to Ohio and commenced his attack on the absurdities of hyper Calvinism, and soon found himself a preacher of the doctrine of universalism. For nearly a year previous to his return, the power of conviction had palsied his tongue, and now, after many a painful struggle, he made full renunciation of his errors, accompanied by such penitent confession, as gained for him a cordial admission to the church. The interest of the occasion was heightened by the providential presence of two of his brothers from a distant State, whose cup was full at the restoration of one, for whom a pious anxious mother, as well as brothers, had so often bowed before the throne of grace. This is life from the dead !

5. In *South Carolina*, Brother William Nolen has been employed. This field has been the districts of Marion, Horry, Georgetown, and some few visits through the low parts of North Carolina. "I have," says he, "laboured incessantly, travelled twenty-eight hundred miles, encountered many hardships, and not a little opposition, preached three hundred and sixty-nine sermons, received twenty by baptism and eleven by experience, assisted in the ordination of three ministers, and in the constitution of one church, established three Sabbath Schools, and done something in the temperance cause. I have recently laboured in seven protracted meetings, at which sixty-one were baptized by my fellow labourers. The Lord has done great things for us, whereof we are glad."

6. In *Mississippi*, the society has had one missionary only, Brother John Micou. He removed from an interesting circle of brethren in Virginia. He now finds himself almost alone in his sentiments as to effort for the spread of the gospel ; indeed, so strong is the anti-mission prejudice, that a regard to his own usefulness, required him to dissolve his connexion with the society, though it subjects him to the necessity of labouring at a mechanical trade. Yet he meets with some encouragement. "Since writing you," he remarks in June last, "I have visited a settlement about 30 miles distant, in the northwestern corner of the county, (Winston) where I found some sixteen or eighteen Baptists, who had been there about a year, and had not heard a preacher of their own faith ! They were an intelligent and interesting

people." At their request he afterwards visited this "little band of disciples in the wilderness," to constitute them into a church. He has baptized one and received about 20 by letter to the churches to which he ministers. His congregations had greatly increased. His churches seem no more willing to support their pastor themselves than to have others do it for them, as he had at the time of writing, "received but one dollar for preaching since he left Virginia."

7. Our missionary corps in the State of *Ohio*, has been seventeen, besides those of the Rocky river association, who drew a part of their subsistence direct from this society. Their names and locations will be found by reference to the tabular view. Our brethren here have not been favoured with any remarkable displays of divine power on their congregations the past year, yet they have been most laboriously and profitably employed. They have not been idly waiting for the favouring breeze, but "toiling," trimming their sails, putting every thing in readiness, they have cried "sweet spirit, come." In Ohio the Baptists are undergoing a rapid *transition*, and the last year the improvement has been seen, we may say, principally, in the erection of meeting houses. They are abandoning their first rude piles, which perhaps stood remote from the body of the people, and are rebuilding in the towns and villages.

Our correspondent at Franklin, northern part of the state, thus writes: "With reference to the Baptist cause in this vicinity, I think it is on as good a footing as that of any other denomination, and I have no doubt that in a few years, with the common blessing of God, it will hold the most prominent place in the public mind. As an evidence of the growing prosperity of the Baptist cause in this vicinity, I can now count within the circumference of thirty miles, eight places of worship, which have been erected within less than three years. Most of these houses are very convenient, and not less than one half of them are made of the best materials, and would not be a disgrace to an eastern village or city."

Our brother stationed at the places named below, on the border of the Lake, writes: "We feel that the Lord is indeed with us, and does hear prayer. Our influence as a church is greatly increased, our congregations are respectable, solemn and very attentive to the word of truth, and considerably increased in numbers, both at Avon and Dover. The reverse in worldly affairs which we are experiencing, has a happy effect on the piety of the church."

Brother Wares has travelled somewhat extensively in the northern counties of the state, towards the borders of Michigan. His report is such as to send a thrill of joy through the heart of every contributor to the society. "I shall," says he, "ever remember with humble gratitude to God, the unspeakable privilege I have enjoyed, in being permitted to bear the glad news of a glorified

Saviour to those who have not heard the sound of the gospel from a Baptist preacher for many years, which privilege I could not have enjoyed but for the beneficence of your committee. Could you have witnessed with me the falling tear, and have heard the heart-felt expressions of thankfulness to God, that he had beheld their low estate and directed a missionary that way, you would have felt all your toils abundantly requited."

One of the happiest achievements in this state has been effected at Massillon—a place where "infidelity had triumphed. The disciples of Owen had established themselves upon their broad and abominable *community* system, and given the place a notoriety for immorality, which it will take years wholly to remove. I found many of the people, says Brother Sage, opposed to infidelity, and most of them were willing to have christianity introduced. They have helped me nobly in building our meeting house, and I think morality, if not religion, is rapidly gaining ground."

One of our preachers, Brother Hughes, speaks and preaches only in the Welch language, to his own countrymen, of whom there are twelve or thirteen settlements in Ohio. He is said to be a man of great eloquence and power.

There is yet much to be done in Ohio. Of the seventy-five county seats in that state, not more than thirty have Baptist churches in them. And of their *three hundred* churches, not fifteen, probably, enjoy, each, the undivided labours of a pastor! There is abundant encouragement here for missionary effort. Every handful of seed now sown, will yield bushels.

8. *Indiana* has a multitude of Baptist churches, *all* of which are small and feeble, and not a few opposed to the very things that would give them vitality and growth. Their preachers, of whom there is a very good *numerical* supply, are not supported, nor do they generally devote themselves exclusively to their holy calling. The Society has had twelve in this field the past year. They have all been doing good, though none have met with any signal encouragement, unless we except Brother Morey, of Madison. Light is spreading, some souls are converted, and the character and views of the churches and ministry are improving. The following extract we give, not to chill the ardour of any, but to show the need of more efficient action. From Brother Matthews :

"While God is riding forth in the chariot of his gospel, from conquering to conquer, through the length and breadth of the land, it would be but natural to expect that we were sharing in the same divine blessing. But for some reason, this state has not to any considerable extent, been privileged with revivals of religion. Whether the cause is to be found in the state of the ministry, their hands confined, their knowledge stunted, their affections drawn downward, the natural result of their condition, or

which is worse, the character of their preaching, I am not able to say ; or whether the difficulty lies in the churches, who have but few prayer meetings, and these but thinly attended ; but few Sabbath schools, and these badly managed ; but very little done for any benevolent institution, and in many churches every thing done against them, even to the exclusion of members who would favour them. What can be expected in such a state of things? Intemperance and gambling, and licentiousness and Romanism, and infidelity, roll in deadly waves over this great valley, and threaten to sweep away even the embankments that christianity has thrown up. If the Home Mission Society do not come to the aid of Indiana, in a much larger degree than she has done, all our hope in human agency is lost. I am persuaded that your system is the best ever devised, to bring about a change so desirable in our churches, but you cannot make bricks without the materials. A few devoted men are much needed."

Says another missionary, (and he had had proof of what he says,) "I am far from thinking that it is a niggardly spirit which causes the Baptists of the west to do so little in the cause of benevolence. They lack information on these subjects, which can only be supplied by the labours of an enlightened, devoted, and self-denying ministry. Such a ministry, we hope, under God, your Society is destined to furnish them. Let that once be accomplished, and we do believe, in due time, they will take the lead in every thing connected with the mighty enterprise of spreading the gospel over the world."

In the northern part of Indiana, the Secretary of an auxiliary writes, "As to the general progress of the cause of Christ in our region, I think we can say it is onward. We find an increasing desire to hear the gospel, and an increasing willingness to support it. Where the word has been preached, we hear the anxious cry, What must I do to be saved ! The Lord has blessed the labours of your Society. We have explored the neighbouring counties, and find them very destitute."

Our missionary at Richmond, about midway up the state, and near the Ohio line, is much prospered. More than two thousand dollars have been subscribed for a house of worship, the fourth part of which the strongest denomination there could not have effected three years ago. He says, I doubt whether there is a more needy field in the state. I think it is as much as fifty miles to the nearest of your missionaries. Yet there are men adapted to our wants, if they could be freed from the world, and men who would be glad to devote all their time to travelling.

9. In *Illinois*, the cause is assuming, probably, a more promising aspect than in any of the other western states. Much of its present prosperity is attributable, under God, to missionary aid, timely bestowed, and to the bold, uncompromising stand which the more liberal and enlightened of our brethren, both

laymen and ministers, early took on the subject of christian enterprise and benevolence. They perceived that all attempts to reconcile the differences between themselves and their adversaries, would prove unavailing; that they must entirely succumb, and suffer their hands and feet to be tied, or act independently on their own convictions. They chose the latter—not separating themselves from the body, yet when the interdiction of non-fellowship was passed upon them, they took it as a certificate of discharge from all connexion with those whose views were so radically different from their own, that they could not walk together. Such has been their policy. In the name of the Lord God of hosts, they raised their banner, and it has been mightily attracting adherents, both from the ungodly world, and from the ranks of those who once opposed them. They are now comparatively strong.

The whole number of labourers that are, or have been, under our appointment, is twenty-two, including our agent and two others, the date of whose commission is so recent, that they have as yet scarcely reached their fields. We can only glance at their correspondence, and give a few miscellaneous extracts.

William Spencer, in Sangamon county, has divided his labours with three or four churches, in each of which there has been some special interest, and a goodly number of baptisms. During the revival at Jersey Prairie, some of the young converts were in the habit of inviting their companions of the week-day school into the woods, for prayer and exhortation. These exercises have been blessed of the Lord, and two are said to have been converted.

John Logan, on the Military Tract, has laboured in six churches, in two of which there have been favourable appearances; in two others, meeting houses have been built, one of which is made of logs. "To get this done," says our brother, "I have had to do more and give more than any member in the church, although some of the members possess four times as much property as myself. Yet they are kind, and do something for the support of the ministry." By what rule of equality, it might be asked, does the church lay such a burden upon the shoulders of their pastor?

Brother E. Fisher has been stationed in Quincy, a flourishing town on the Mississippi river. The church is labouring under great embarrassment for the want of a better house of worship, an embarrassment which they are making strenuous efforts to remove. The place in which they now meet is, in their own phraseology, "a dirty school room," whose dimensions are only 18 by 20 feet. Through the change of times, they can scarcely proceed with their undertaking, and their hearts almost faint, lest when completed they should be unable to retain it.

"We have two promising young men," adds brother F., "in the church, who have commenced their studies with a view to the

ministry. They go to the Manual Labour School, under the care of Dr. Nelson, about five miles from this place. The success of this school has strongly suggested the expediency of the Baptists starting one on the same plan, somewhere between this and the Rock river, on the Mississippi. The plan is novel, but such as nature would suggest, where funds are limited."

Brother Moses Lemen, in Greene county, at the commencement of the year, declined a renewal of his commission. It was his intention, after the labours of an agency which he had performed, to retire for a while and improve his farm, (an entire new place, without an acre fenced or broken) for the benefit of his family. He held to his purpose scarcely a month, when he saw in divine providence, such an opening, and heard such calls for help, that he again went forth to the whitened fields. "My labours," says he, "are as follow : visited twelve churches and two associations, held six protracted meetings, one of which lasted twelve, another seventeen, and another twenty-three days, in all, *sixty-two days*, at which near two hundred professed hope in Christ, and one hundred and thirty-eight were baptized ; seventy of them by myself. I have travelled more than six hundred miles, delivered more than one hundred religious discourses, helped organize one church in the town of Waterloo, Monroe county, and to ordain one minister, brother Pritchell ; superintended the building of two meeting houses, organized and superintended a Sabbath School in my own settlement, and raised in subscriptions and cash, nearly one hundred dollars for benevolent purposes."

One of the meeting houses is the best in the State, with the exception of those at the Altons.

Brother Calvin Greenleaf, at Griggsville and Carthage, Pike county, writes : "The cause is on the advance. Our churches are undergoing a reform, and prejudices are giving away, and more effort is made to support the gospel. I know of but one church in this county, which, until the last year, ever raised a subscription for the support of preaching. Now it is becoming a common thing. There is also more exertion on the part of the preachers, to store their own minds with useful knowledge, and to set things in the churches in gospel order. All this has been effected through the instrumentality of the American Baptist Home Mission Society. Had there not been one soul converted immediately through the instrumentality of your missionaries, the good done is immense, and will be felt by generations yet unborn."

Brother Jonathan Merriam, stationed at Springfield, has preached 158 times, at twenty-nine different places. He has laboured in nine protracted meetings, six of which are among Baptists, and three with other denominations. He has baptized sixty-two persons, forty-eight of whom have united with the church under his pastoral care, also eighteen by letter. In this place men-

tion is made of a *Maternal Association*, the only instance which we recollect to have noticed in all our missionary correspondence. We could wish that these associations were as numerous as our churches and congregations.

Six churches in this vicinity being disowned by the old Sangamon Association, have formed themselves into a new association, called the Springfield, on enlightened and liberal principles.

"The cause of religion and of missions," says our brother, "has advanced in this vicinity, during the past year, beyond my most sanguine expectations."

Brother I. D. Newell laboured until October in Rushville, where his success was not distinguished. Since that time he has been in Bloomington, a new part of the country in the heart of the state. Here his efforts have been more blessed. After making all necessary preparations, they organized a church of nineteen members. They then held protracted meetings in Bloomington, and in the adjacent villages. The present number of the church is 68. Two or three churches have been constituted in the vicinity, and the prospect now is that in the space of twelve months from the time the first effort was made, there will be churches enough in that region to form an association.

The church in Chicago, under brother Hinton, has sustained severe losses, but they hope after this year to support their pastor.

We might continue our extracts, but the above must suffice—merely adding that several of the other brethren in this state have enjoyed refreshings from the presence of the Lord.

An event from which we anticipate much good, is a union that has been effected between this Society and the Illinois Convention—that body inviting the society to employ an agent among them, and they pledging themselves to raise enough to pay one third of all our missionary expenditures in that state. Brother J. M. Peck is the agent.

10. *Missouri*—twelve missionaries.

The cause in St. Louis, a place where the committee have expended in times past more money than at any other point, seems to be rising. The church purchased from the Episcopalians a meeting house, in the heart of the city, for \$13,000, on which three instalments have been paid. Their additions have not been numerous either by baptism or letter, yet they are acquiring a name and an influence in the city. Their pastor, brother Brabrook, is much encouraged. They will need help a little longer; but when they are once thoroughly established they will be second in importance, if they improve their advantages of position, to no church beyond the Alleghanies.

In the interior of this state the society has been unusually blessed. Some of their missionaries have laboured in revivals nearly the whole year. A great work commenced in Cooper county as

early as the month of June, under the labours of brother A. P. Williams. Brother K. Scott in that region says, under date of Feb. 10, 1838, "The revival is declining at Pisgah, Mount Pleasant, and Union. It is still in progress at Big Lick, Concord, and Mount Nebo; and is breaking out in some very destitute neighbourhoods. I have just returned from a settlement that has been one of the most wicked and destitute of religious instruction in our country, where I spent four days. On the first day three came forward and requested the prayers of God's people. Before I left one professed hope, and twelve or fourteen were anxiously inquiring what they must do to be saved. The young brethren have started several prayer meetings within the bounds of my circuit, which are regularly kept up and well attended."—There have been *three hundred and thirty-seven* baptized within the bounds of his circuit, of whom he baptized 107.

The Franklin Mission Society, an auxiliary in this state, is a very efficient body.

A good house of worship, the only Protestant one in the place, has been erected in Cape Girardeau. By a noble effort the church relieved our society from the redemption of a pledge to help them in the support of a pastor. In consequence of this relief, the committee have appointed a missionary in the county of the same name. That part of Missouri is deplorably destitute of the word of life. Some small churches have preaching scarcely once a year. In this state, to possess, the Baptists have only to enter.

11. The amount of labour bestowed on *Tennessee*, by the committee, has not been great—a circumstance which they regret the more in consequence of the numerous and powerful appeals they have received from that quarter. Brother T. Love's appointment expired about the first of August. Brother R. T. Daniel has continued through the year. He says, April 2d, "I am now on a tour of two months, east of the Tennessee river, and am preaching daily, and often of nights, to large, attentive, warm hearted effort churches, and am visiting the towns and villages.—I have passed through a few counties in the southern part of Kentucky, and find the churches in a prosperous state. In Allen county, Ky. since November, 222 have been added to five churches by baptism. All the churches I have visited are of the effort family."

We have received interesting communications from brethren Howell, Gayle, and Hall, (all of whom were once our missionaries,) and which we may notice in another place. (*See Appendix C.*) The convention of Tennessee is deserving much praise. They have fifteen missionaries, for whom we have procured a grant of 75,000 pages of tracts from the American Tract Society.

12. In *Michigan*, where twelve of our missionaries have been labouring, there was but little encouragement during the former

part of the season. Spiritual dearth seemed to accompany the ebbing of the looming wave of worldly expectation, that had borne them almost to insanity. But at length, in this state, as indeed it has been more or less throughout the land, when the unreasonable, fancied prospects of men were blasted, they began to think of securing another kind of *riches*, whose value would suffer no depreciation for ever. Since this change of direction in the current of human thought, there has been a better state of things in the churches, and some of them have enjoyed pleasing revivals. We give the following account from Mt. Clemens, signed by a committee of three brethren.

“It has been through your benevolence that the standard of the cross has been raised and kept up in Mt. Clemens. Since the commencement of Elder Booth’s labours, the work of the Lord has prospered more or less every year. The first year’s labour of our present pastor [S. Chase] was attended with many discouragements, yet the Lord left us not without a witness, and some souls were converted to God. Our present state is cheering; the work of the Lord is among us, and the people of God are revived. A few weeks ago our beloved pastor commenced holding protracted meetings in the neighbourhoods near the village, and the effort has been abundantly blessed. Some fifty or sixty have been hopefully converted. In one of the neighbourhoods the spirit came down like a rushing mighty wind, and almost every individual for two or three miles around shared in the blessing. Several have been baptized. We rejoice that a kind providence has, through you, sent us a man so well calculated to do good. The field is very great.”

We are informed from another source, that these neighbourhoods had previously been the stronghold of an overpowering infidel influence, partially under the mask of Universalism, and that a conversion is not known ever to have occurred there before, since the settlement of the country. What an achievement this of the cross of Christ! Error in its own entrenchments cannot abide the day of God’s power!

Brother Robert Powell, under date of Clinton, Michigan, 1st instant, writes: “Since I have been on my tour, I have witnessed 60 or 70 hopeful conversions—been present at the baptism of 96—preached from 4 to 10 times a week, and have knowledge of the baptism of more than 300 within the field of my operations.”

Brother J. Hall, at Kalamazoo, will hereafter be supported by his church. His labours will be more confined, and his usefulness, we fear, with his hardships, which have not been few, will be diminished.

Bro. Jacob Price, at Edwardsburg, will also be supported by his church. He is the only brother in the state who speaks of an opposing anti-mission influence, yet he is surrounded by an affec-

tionate people. They have made him a "donation visit"—a token of regard peculiarly grateful to a pastor's feelings, as it indicates a personal interest in himself, as well as a love to the gospel. We mention this for the sake of encouraging the practice. Brother P. and brother Fisher of Quincy, Illinois, are the only individuals of our missionaries who mention the kindness of their people manifested it this way. Often a poor church, having but little silver or gold, may minister to the wants of their pastor in such things as they have.

Brother H. Miller occupies a most important post at Ann Arbor; the selected site for their State University. Brother Edward Hodge, at Medina, is prospered in his labours. He has established two Missionary Societies, whose object is to assist the Parent Society in sending the gospel through the west. We mention this fact with peculiar satisfaction, as it seems not to have entered the minds of our missionaries generally, or of the churches who are blessed by their labours, that such a token of their interest would be acceptable. It is hoped and expected that every church aided by us will do something, though it be a trifling amount, for the cause of benevolence; nor is there any reason why the institution by whose instrumentality, perhaps, it received its very existence, should not receive a generous portion. On this subject we are happy to say, correct sentiments *begin* to prevail.

13. The whole of *Arkansas* is an uninterrupted field for missionary labour. The State is sparsely settled, the country new, the roads rough, and the streams seldom bridged. These circumstances add much to the fatigues of ordinary missionary toil. Those who first cultivate such a moral soil are the benefactors of future generations. We have seven men now in that field—reckoning two who were appointed on condition that a portion of their salaries should be raised by an agent in those distant churches.

Brother D. Orr, the pioneer among them, is, we regret to say, labouring under the effects of disease, superinduced by excessive exertion and exposure. A wasting consumption threatens ere long to terminate his useful career. Yet such is his present zeal, so great his knowledge of the country, and such his well earned reputation among the churches, that he is an efficient and invaluable man. Under date of the 23d ult. he writes, "Since the severity of the weather has abated, I have been in the field all the time. The signs of a revival of religion are apparent in all the churches that I have visited."

Brother George W. Baines, late of Alabama, has recently arrived in this State. He says, under date of Jan. 21, "Since my arrival the church has called a meeting. Yesterday and to-day I attended, and tried to preach to the people the gospel of our Saviour, and had the pleasure of baptizing one man, who seemed

truly to go on his way rejoicing. Many of the dear saints of God manifested great gratitude that the Lord had sent them a minister. On conversing with them I have heard of several others who are desirous of uniting with the people of God, and we hope the time is not far distant when Zion will become a praise in this new but flourishing country. Many other settlements are destitute of a preached gospel." Brother B. is a young preacher highly recommended by his former acquaintances, and from whom the committee hope much.

Brother Thomas Mercer, at the time of his appointment, was labouring in an extensive revival along the borders of the State next to Missouri.

The cause is advancing, though *slowly*. Indeed it would be unreasonable to expect otherwise, without more labour.

14. *Wisconsin Territory*—a country new and scarcely defined on the map, containing a population of sixty thousand souls, enjoys the labours of two of our missionaries—brother R. Griffing on Lake Michigan, and brother A. Evans in Desmoines county, west of the Mississippi river.

The former has been stationed a part of his time at Milwaukie. He says, March 20, "I have since writing you constituted a church at Shelooyan, beautifully situated on the Lake, sixty miles north of Milwaukie. It consists of only six members, yet few as they are, they offer to raise \$200 for my support if I will locate myself among them. About thirty miles farther north is another settlement of considerable importance, and inland there are some Indian settlements, of whom I hope to give you some further account. I have also assisted in forming a church at Southport, thirty miles south of Milwaukie, and another at Salem, twenty miles west of Southport, on Fox river. We now have five churches, and more will be constituted soon."

Our other missionary supplies two churches, and occupies four other preaching stations. He remarks, "At each of these there is increasing attention to the word, and a number seem to be anxiously inquiring the way to Zion. Upon the whole, the cause is rising in respectability and influence. On the south of the river a number of Catholics attend worship and seem interested in the cause of truth."* He is making great efforts in the temperance cause.

15. In the *Territory of Florida* we have but one missionary, brother O. T. Hammond, nor has he been there long.

Mrs. H. teaches a select number of girls in a wealthy and respectable family, for which a liberal compensation is given. The country is beautiful, beyond description. On the 26th of March

* The conversion of Catholics is so frequent an occurrence now in connexion with Baptist and Methodist preaching, that missionaries and others do not often distinguish them from common cases.—*Pioneer*.

the forest was like a botanical garden,—peaches, figs, apples and berries were growing. Nature has been lavish of her bounties ; it is a goodly country,

“ Where every prospect pleases,
And only man is vile ;”

morally so, more than intellectually. The churches even, the few there are, seem to have a lamentably deficient standard of christian morality. Intemperance is a sin of which some professed ministers even are not guiltless ; and as to benevolent effort, the doctrine seems not to be found at all in their creed. The institutions of religion are miserably disregarded. To get wealth is the absorbing business. To this one purpose, the comforts of life, as well as the means of moral improvement, often give place. It is not uncommon to see persons worth their thousands, living in log cabins without windows. The few meeting houses they have, are usually in keeping with their private dwellings—often a pile of logs thrown together, situated in a pine forest ; no doors or windows ; and for seats, rough boards.

The committee say not these things by way of reproach—only as sin is a reproach to any people ; but to show the necessity of an intelligent, pious ministry in that Territory. Such men would meet with encouragement from men of wealth and intelligence. Brother H., we believe, has made a good beginning.

16. *Upper Canada*—Missionaries seven. Between the war of the Revolution, and the war of 1812 with great Britain, a number of Baptist churches were gathered in this province chiefly by the labours of those memorable worthies, the honoured pioneers of our denomination in the central and western part of the State of New-York. Constrained by the love of Christ, they left their families, and braved the perils and toils of the wilderness, and God was with them. But in the war last referred to, these churches were mostly disorganized, and their members scattered to the winds. Within a few years, principally through missionary labour, churches have again been collected, and some of them have been visited with powerful revivals. Up to October last, every thing seemed most promising. A Missionary Society had been formed among themselves—measures were put in operation for a Literary and Theological Institution, and a deputation appointed to Great Britain to secure the patronage of their transatlantic brethren. Indeed, such was the success of the Baptist cause, that in the opinion of some, it had risen in number and strength *one-third* in two years ; but alas ! the very first breath of war—that apollyon in whose awful wake death and hell always follow, checked all this prosperity, and brought every thing to a stand. One of our brethren has left the province, and should the present troublous times continue, others will doubtless follow. But let the case turn as it may, it will be gratifying to the friends

of this Society to know, that they have been nearly identified with whatever good has been done in the province for the last few years. The following is a beautiful extract from brother Fraser's correspondence. He is a Scotchman; can preach in the Gaelic, and is situated in Glengarry, far in the interior, and near the Lower province :

"I am happy to mention, that since my last I have made a tour of pleasing recollection and delightful interest to my soul, to a Highland settlement called Osgood, about ninety miles above this place. The people, who have no minister of any kind, and who are newly settled and sparsely scattered, came out remarkably well, and heard with most profound attention. Our parting exercise was one of the most melting seasons I ever witnessed. Myself, and almost all my congregation, felt in very deed that God would dwell with men. The place, though a common barn, seemed awful as the very gate of heaven. Seeing the state of feeling to be such, though not customary among these Presbyterians, I thought I would venture on other measures. Accordingly, I proposed to meet all such in the house as were anxious to do so, for prayer and advice. In a few minutes the house was crowded, and a number apparently under deep conviction of sin. They were in tears, asking what they must do to be saved. It was at last difficult to get them away. Some professed conversion on the spot, and made application for baptism. I learn by letter that others have since found Christ, and much seriousness prevails."

On a subsequent visit our brother was heartily welcomed by all, and administered the ordinance of baptism.

In another settlement, described as having been "lately a place of extraordinary carelessness and great profligacy, chiefly peopled by Americans," his labours have been blessed. Providence opened the door for him in this manner. A young man, sick unto death, entreated his father to send for our missionary, which was done. The youth was greatly alarmed for the state of his soul. He obtained peace, and spent his few remaining days, before sinking into the grave, in warning his impenitent friends to escape the wrath to come. The change in him was so evident, his comfort so great, and his exhortations so pointed, that the whole place seemed to feel them like an electric shock. Some have already obtained hope, and much concern prevails.

Brother Winchell, the value of whose labours as agent, though much appreciated, can never be fully known in this life, has removed to another sphere of equal promise, as before observed.

17. *Lower Canada.* During a part of the past year, we have had seven brethren labouring in this province—six of whom, by agreement, are to be supported by funds supplied by our auxiliary, the Vermont Baptist Convention.

The same interruptions have taken place here as in the Upper province. Within a few years, something has been done in this province, at least, a *beginning* has been made. Several churches have been established, and some pleasing revivals enjoyed. Brother Mitchell has laboured here since 1832. At that time there were but two Baptist churches, and less than sixty members between Durham on the west, and the great wilderness on the east. Within the same limits, there are now seven churches, and three hundred and sixty communicants.

Brother Ryder, another missionary, says, "my labours have been occasionally with the churches, but most generally in the back settlements, and I trust I have not run in vain. The people in general gladly receive the word."

M. Britain, Bolton, 9th inst., writes, "Such is the moral state of society in this region of country, that the gospel must for the present be mostly sustained by missionary funds from abroad. This country, for a course of years, has been under the corrupting influence of Universalism and Socinianism. But the ground is now happily clear of them, and it is exceedingly desirable that it should be occupied by evangelical men. Until last July there was no Baptist church in this region. Long and dreary has been the dominion that Popery has held over this country, embracing nearly three-fourths of its population. Of its superstition and baneful effects, the inhabitants, and the very country itself present irresistible proof. These obstacles should stimulate, and not discourage the Christian."

The Committee have now cursorily glanced at the several fields that have been occupied by them, and they would fain hope that the churches will see sufficient tokens of the divine blessing, to encourage them to farther effort.

IMPORTANCE OF THE SOCIETY—OPINIONS OF THE WEST.

That there is a deep, and still deepening conviction in the public mind, of the importance of this institution, the Committee cannot doubt, yet they have no evidence that the subject, in all its magnitude and bearings upon the welfare, both temporal and eternal, of one of the most interesting portions of the globe, perhaps the most important that the sun shines upon, has gained full possession of the souls of but comparatively few. We would that all should take a rational view of the subject. For the consideration of the churches, we submit the following opinions. We select them from widely diverse parts of the country.

The Board of the Ohio Convention in their last report, say, "We deem it proper here to mention the substantial aid rendered to the cause in this State, by the American Baptist Home Mission Society, both in assisting the efforts of the Convention, and in sustaining missionaries of its own appointment." A brother

who has long been in that State; remarks, that the more he sees and reflects upon the subject, the more he is convinced of the indispensable importance of this Society to the west.

The following is from Indiana—"The blessings which your Society is conferring, not only upon the inhabitants of the great Valley, but upon the whole world, are incalculable. Every minister which you plant in the west, of the right stamp, is a brilliant light, spreading its influence over a wide space, driving back the clouds of error and préjudice, imparting life and energy to some hundreds, perhaps thousands of professors, whose powers before lay dormant, calling them at once into the field of effort."

From northern Illinois; J. E. Ambrose. "The Home Mission Society has been the means of much good in this part of the State. All the churches, viz; Chicago, O'Plain, 1st Du Page, Plainfield, Long Grove, Jackson Grove, 2d Du Page, Big Words, Upper O'Plain, Vermilionville, Prophetstown, Belva-dier and Juliet, have been raised up by the instrumentality of your Society." And we might add, all those in Wisconsin too.

Again, from the central part of the State; I. D. Newell. "The progress of religion in this vicinity is truly cheering, and the labours which have contributed to it, so far as the Baptist cause is concerned, have been performed, under God, by men sustained by your Society. Withdraw your aid, and the prospect is cheerless. The good done already by the Society, is immense, and none can estimate, judging from the past, what may reasonably be expected to follow."

From the Military Tract; John Logan. "The cause is advancing slowly. Whatever good has been done on the Military Tract, among the Baptists, for the last six years, has been done by the instrumentality of the Home Mission Society."

From the Illinois Convention. "During the current year, the labour of the Society has been productive of immense good to the churches, and the souls of men. Its transforming influence is now seen and felt in all our churches. Those churches, in most instances, who are able in whole, or in part, to sustain the ministry of the gospel among themselves, have been brought to this position by the timely aid bestowed by this Society. Many of the revivals have been the fruit of missionary effort, and hundreds of souls will rejoice in the kingdom of God that they were first enlightened and led to the Saviour, by the instrumentality of those men, who, had it not been for the Baptist Home Mission Society, would have been unable to devote their time to the high and sacred calling of the Christian ministry, with the zeal and steadfastness they now have done."

From Michigan; Thomas Y. R. Jones—"Upon the whole, the cause of our beloved Master is onward. In bringing this about, your Society has been an auxiliary instrument in the hand of God,

not only by its funds, but by diffusing correct knowledge of the duties of the christian church, and by presenting, through its missionaries, an example of ministerial diligence and faithfulness. Not that I would say but that, in all ages, there have been as bright, and even brighter examples than those presented in the persons of itinerating ministers of the present age, but these examples should be perpetuated and increased. And your Society has been instrumental in bringing out, encouraging and sustaining those who are desirous of following in the footsteps of the apostles."

From the Mississippi Convention,—"*Resolved*, That the rapid increase of the adherents of papal religion in the United States should engage the efforts and prayers of the Protestant community, and that we regard the American Baptist Home Mission Society as an efficient means of averting such evils as threaten our country from that source."

From the Franklin Mission Society, Missouri,—"Thus you see that the missionaries of the Franklin Mission Society"—speaking of a great revival beyond them—"are reflecting light beyond her own limits. Yea, hundreds of souls will tell on that great day of God Almighty, that they thank their God that he so ordered things that the missionaries were sent to them to proclaim a Saviour's love, in order that they might be saved. This missionary light, dear brother, began with the operations of the Parent Society at New-York, and is not only seen and felt in Missouri, but it shines with brilliancy in Indiana, Illinois, Arkansas, Ohio, and even in the Canadas."

We might continue our extracts to an almost indefinite length; we might allow the Baptists in New-England, and the middle, and some of the southern States, as well as the western, to speak through their Conventions and various organizations, but the sentiments of all would, in substance, be happily expressed by an extract from the late report of the New-York State Convention—that right hand of our strength,—"They [the Home Mission Society] are engaged in a great and glorious work, in which we are utterly unwilling not to participate. By them the gospel is being sounded out through the almost entire valley of the west, and while their missionaries are enlightening the Canadas, a door is opening for them to the Republics of the south."

In regard to the above gratifying testimonials to the usefulness of the Society, the Committee would only say that while it excites their astonishment that so much under God has been done by so limited means as those placed at their disposal, it proves that here is a channel through which an amount of good might be effected, too great for the computation of human arithmetic, were the whole church to put forth her precious strength. When we speak of "limited means," we must not be understood to intimate

that the work has been done by invisible hands, without human effort; no, those two hundred and five* brethren who have been in the field at different times, and for longer or shorter periods, have laboured night and day—prayed, wept, endured hunger and fatigue, travelled, preached, prayed, and made sacrifices of their strength and property, to an extent which the church at large will never fully comprehend, till the day when God shall render to every man according to his works.† The Society has expended nearly *five hundred years' labour* already in this cause. But on an average since its commencement, it has received only about *eleven thousand* dollars per year, from a communion numbering—we almost hesitate to say—near half a million!

TRACTS.

One topic on which the Committee solicited information, was, how many tracts our missionaries had distributed, and what they thought of their usefulness. The distribution, it seems, has been limited only by the supply that could be procured, which, in most instances, has been quite inadequate. As to the usefulness of tracts, there is no dissent even in those parts where a few years ago they would not have been received. Those who live in cities and towns, where the question is not, What can we get to read, but What shall we select from the mass, cannot well conceive the acceptableness of a tract left by an itinerant in the cabin of the lone emigrant. Nay, if our best pastors deem it essential to ministerial faithfulness and success, always to have with them a printed colleague, ready to put into the hands of him who has been addressed on the concerns of his soul, to prolong and deepen the impression, or to leave upon the table of the visited family to recall their instructions in the hour of leisure, how infinitely more important this unobtrusive mode of access to the heart where these ministerial attentions must necessarily be, in one respect at least, like angels' visits—"few, and far between."

The Committee are happy to acknowledge the kindness of the Baptist General Tract Society in appropriating about 70,000 pages of their valuable publications for the Upper Canada mission. Also, a grant of 5,000 pages to each of our missionaries, from the American Tract Society. The last liberal grant extends to missionaries of auxiliaries, and other regularly organized bodies. It will amount in all to some six or eight hundred thousand pages!

We would also notice in this place a grant of 100 Bibles, and

* The whole number appointed since the organization of the society, is two hundred and fifty-six, of whom two hundred and five accepted, and have performed labour; the remaining fifty-one did not accept.

† We would not claim for them, *individually*, the highest degree of exertion and sacrifice, but as a body, it is believed that they are eminently devoted and laborious men.

200 Testaments for the Upper Canada missionaries, from the American Bible Society.

QUARTERLY PAPER.

The Committee ordered the first number of such a paper to be issued in February. Three thousand copies were extensively distributed in every state in the Union, but more profusely in the older states. We believe it has been kindly received, and in some instances has brought back a speedy return to our treasury. A second number will be sent forth in connexion with this report, though the whole thing is yet regarded as an experiment.

TREASURY.

On this subject we have already spoken incidentally. Our expenditures have been greater than our receipts, which leaves a balance against the Society. How much, the Treasurer's report will show. In a few instances the Committee have effected temporary loans. This they did in order to sustain the credit of the Society; yet they regard it as their duty to adjust the amount of their business by the amount of funds put at their disposal—never to incur more than a transient debt, and that to a small amount. From what quarter we shall obtain resources for the next few months, is a difficult question to determine. We hope that God will mercifully interpose. We shall be much disappointed if the present extensive revivals in all parts of the country, and the consequent increase of piety in the churches, are not followed by more generous, charitable offerings.

THE FIELD ENLARGING.

This, perhaps, should not be deemed a matter of joy, as it is already much too large for our full occupancy. Our constitutional limits comprehend North America; in this respect, there is no enlargement. But inroads are being made upon the ancient domains of the forest. When one missionary goes into a new district, it prepares the way for five more. Nor should this be a matter of regret, more than with the farmer whose soil by cultivation becomes more fertile, and demands more labour to secure his crops. But this is not all; fields hitherto inaccessible, are becoming open to us.

TEXAS.

To the inhabitants of this new country, we have not been permitted to *offer* the gospel, but they have called upon us for it. A document signed by a committee of the *only* Baptist Church in their infant Republic, holds language like the following: "It has pleased God, in his providence, to cast our lot in the vast wilder-

ness of the west. We are from various parts of your happy land. We look to you as our mother country—as a child to a parent; and present our complaints to you. Will you hear us? It is our cause—it is your cause—it is the cause of God, to which we invite your consideration.” It is further stated that there are only two regular Baptist ministers in Texas, and these are mostly occupied in the discharge of secular duties; that one half the population do not hear a sermon once in six months, and many of them have never enjoyed such a privilege since they have been in the country.

The committee regard this as a moral field that should not lie waste. The country is rapidly filling up by immigration; vast numbers of whom are doubtless mere adventurers, who are pleased with their residence only the better for its destitution of religious instruction and restraints; but some there are, who love the Lord Jesus; and among these, a very respectable proportion, it is said, of our own faith.

CAPE BRETON.

The missionary society of Nova Scotia call for help to sustain a brother in this island. It has a population of perhaps thirty thousand souls, mostly in moderate circumstances, depending chiefly for their breadstuffs on importation received in exchange for the products of their fisheries. Several Baptist churches have existed on the island, but are now in a broken and scattered state, for want of the ordinances of God’s house. The pastors from Nova Scotia occasionally make them visits. A brother is now recommended to us, and nothing but the common impediment—want of means, prevents his immediate designation.

Thus, from the ice-bound coast of the far north, to the equally distant south, from the Atlantic shores to the Green Bay, and from a thousand intermediate points, the friends of truth and of Jesus, are looking to this Society. Here they fix their hope—would it were not so often disappointed! They ask for ministers of the reconciliation. Each has a special plea—religious destitution is the basis of it; and the suit is often pressed with the urgency of those who realize the exposure to death of the immortal soul!

WHO WILL GO FOR US?

Great as is the paucity of men of suitable qualifications to occupy important situations, where things have not been made ready to their hands, or whose circumstances adapt them to the itinerant service, the above question can scarcely be pronounced before you hear the voice of very many, saying—

HERE ARE WE, SEND US.

Were applications encouraged, and were it understood that

every applicant would be successful, the Committee know not to what extent their register of names might easily be swollen. We give an extract from an interesting communication received from the western association in the Hamilton Institution, this state,—a society of young brethren who purpose to spend their lives in the great Valley, dated March 24, 1838.

“Our Association at present numbers about twenty-five, many of whom are in the higher classes, and six or eight expect to leave the Institution the next fall. As to religious feeling, I rejoice to say it has been on the increase for a year past, and every brother’s heart seems to pant for the field of his labour. We meet once a month for prayer and the reading of letters from our correspondents, who are quite numerous. Every month the Macedonian cry reaches us from some quarter. Appeals to our religious sympathies are strong, but it is our fixed determination first to complete our studies. Then so great is the destitution that we scarcely know where to go. We desire therefore to be in a great measure, under the direction of the Home Mission Society.”

These brethren are anxious, immediately on leaving the Institution, to go the places of their ultimate destination, and not, as some of their predecessors have done, linger in the churches here, for want of means, till they have lost their ardour, and their connexions become so formed, that their purpose has been for ever abandoned. Here then are men who will shortly be ready to go, sons of the church, in the unwasted strength of youth, panting with noble devotion for the golden fields of the immense west. At their own charges they cannot go, nor ought they, if they could. They look to this Society, and with intense concern for the reply, ask, will you accept of us as an offering through you to Christ and our country. We have turned our backs on all the avenues of wealth; we have spent our all in making ourselves fit for such an offering; will you take us from these consecrated halls, and assist us to go forth. This question, the Society must roll back upon the churches—will you assist them? The Committee will, at least, hope so.

CONCLUSION.

Such are some of the most important facts that have been developed, in connexion with this Society, the past year. The richness of the divine blessing, though not unmingled, is most gratifying, and compared with which, the obstacles we have met, though at times they seemed mountainous, are very insignificant and worthy to be remembered only to chide our future misgivings, and to inspire us with confidence in Him whose we are, and whom we humbly attempt to serve.

In regard to the cause of the Home Missions and its compar-

live claims upon the churches of the Lord Jesus, and upon the American public generally, there are three considerations which we beg leave to submit—we say *American public*, for every man that has an interest in the country has an interest in this cause.

1. *It has been estimated that six millions of the inhabitants of these United States are scarcely occasional attendants on the means of grace.* Some of them, it is known, are absentees from the house of God from choice; others from the circumstances in which they are placed. But the peculiar state of their feelings in either case, has nothing to do with our duty. It is incumbent on us to preach the gospel to them all, whether they will hear or whether they will forbear; nor until we have done this, or used our best efforts to do it, can we say *we are pure from the blood of all men*. No charities certainly can be more imperative on us than those requisite to give the word of life to our own countrymen. Shall a rich man in time of famine dispense his bounty to the inhabitants of distant towns, and suffer the inhabitants of his own village to perish? Would it not subject him to the suspicion of a defect in principle, were his reputation for liberality all abroad, and not at all among those objects of sympathy whose distress he must daily witness? Our own countrymen must not be passed by; they have stronger claims upon us than the people of any other country under the whole heavens. Whatever institutions, therefore, we support, and many truly there are, that have strong claims upon us, and some of these claims may be vastly more imposing in their appearance, we cannot with consistency, nor even with innocence, overlook the perishing who are in immediate proximity to us. Paul loved all men, but the burden of his heaviness and sorrow of heart was for Israel—his own countrymen, that they might be saved.

2. *No charity in modern times has been more blessed of God.* This should be regarded, in some measure, as indicative of our duty. We are aware that it is impossible to institute any comparison between the value of a sum of money and of an immortal soul, nor would we be guilty of the attempt. Nothing but the precious blood of Christ can suffice to redeem a soul. Yet God uses means in bringing men to the Saviour, and these means may sometimes, in one sense, have a value in the currency of men. We will take then a computation furnished at our hand. The expenditures of the Pennsylvania Missionary Society, before it was merged in the present Convention, were about \$15,000, and the number of souls converted by the instrumentality of the Society were, as near as could be ascertained, *five thousand*. The result is readily seen! The simple statement of this fact, with the additional remark that other similar efforts in our country have met with similar, if not equal success, is sufficient to establish our position. If not, we would ask what is

that other charity that has effected more with the same amount of means! Or is it pleaded, that though some other institutions have not effected so much in the item of conversions, yet they have done more in laying a broad foundation for glorious future results. We grant there is much weight in this consideration, and we rejoice in it; at the same time, we would ask, who, that is acquainted with the elasticity, energy of the American character—their resources and their enterprise, needs be told that in this institution too there is an ulterior object beyond the planting of churches, and the salvation of those who are brought to the faith? Glorious as this object of itself would be, we are, in accomplishing our work, necessarily laying also a broad and deep foundation for a further good, when the churches thus planted shall join the sacramental host that now is rolling the triumphs of Jehovah throughout the whole earth. Our every action here has an indirect action multiplied a thousand fold upon the rest of the world. This consideration may help us to determine what is duty, and to demonstrate that no charity is fraught with blessings more glorious, either present or prospective.

3. We owe it to ourselves and to our posterity after us, to see that the gospel is fully and faithfully published, as this Society proposes to do it.

Let it be remembered that the institutions in which we glory as a nation, are not guaranteed to us by any irrevocable decree—at least, that has been revealed. Should our happy country, the land of the Pilgrims, blessed with privileges excelled by none, be hereafter overrun by the profane, and become a moral waste for the growth and display of the deadliest poisons of men, it would not be without a thousand parallels in the history of the past. Judea once received the gospel, and so did every country and province on either shore of the Mediterranean, from the Levant to the pillars of Hercules. They had their churches, their bishops and their altars, as we now have. They had their Bibles and their Sabbaths, and dreamed of nothing but of their perpetuity to the end of time. But where are they now? The true light of christianity in those countries has long since been extinguished; and the followers of the blasphemous prophet and of the apostate beast, have long held those lands in dire subjection. And may we not apply the language of an apostle to our country—"thou, too, standest by faith"—by the belief and practice of those duties which the gospel enjoins? In vain, is it said, *Nay*; for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth. We ask, did he not also reign then? He saw fit in his sovereignty to chastise those that forsook him; and if we forsake him, is it not reasonable to expect that He, who is no respecter of persons, will chastise us? The Jews most confidently presumed on miraculous interposition—because they were *nominally* the people of God; but they and their city

fell! Let us, then, have no vain confidence, nor believe ourselves secure, only on the foundation of virtue and religion. Are we now beyond the approach of danger? What meaneth then, we would inquire, that reaching forth of the polluted hand of infidelity and of Romanism among us, to grasp and wrench away from them our childrens' Bibles? Has it no meaning, or is it premonitory of what may come to pass? Again, we repeat, we have no assurance that this land will not be cast down from her proud height, to a depth as low as ever was Capernaum, only in the propagation of the gospel. Our only hope, which we confess is strong, that we shall never meet such a catastrophe, is founded in the belief that our American people will be faithful to themselves and to their posterity, in this respect.

The above considerations we regard as of serious importance, and ask for them the attention they deserve.

By order and in behalf of the Ex. Com.

LUTHER CRAWFORD,
Cor. Secretary.

ABSTRACT OF THE TREASURER'S REPORT.

N. B. *As all the items of our receipts have been given in the Gospel Witness, or the Quarterly Papers, (see at the end of this Report,) we shall only acknowledge the gross amounts received from states, &c.*

THE AMERICAN BAPTIST HOME MISSION SOCIETY in acc't with R. W. MARTIN,
Treasurer.

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By receipts from State Conventions, Societies, Individuals, &c.		
Maine, donations from individuals,		15 00
New-Hampshire, from State Convention,	800 87	
" T. Rand's collections,	422 89	
" Donations from individuals,	94 77	
		1918 53
Vermont State Convention,	160 00	
" Collections by T. Rand,	81 56	
" A church,	5 00	
		246 56
Massachusetts State Convention, &c.		1410 90
Connecticut State Convention,	1218 33	
" Donations from individuals and churches,	228 80	
		1447 13
Rhode Island State Convention,	150 00	
" Individuals and churches,	80 00	
		230 00
New-York State Convention,	3461 00	
" Local societies,	1167 26	
" Individuals, churches, &c.	881 20	
		5509 46
New-Jersey, donations from churches and individuals,		202 50
Pennsylvania, " " " " " "		734 42
Delaware, individual donation,		5 00
Maryland and Virginia, donations from churches and individuals,		622 60

North Carolina, collections from individuals,	269 50
South Carolina, " " "	138 00
(Also \$160 not entered before this account was made up.)	
Georgia, donations of individuals,	375 72
Florida, individual donation,	100 00
Ohio, collection and donations,	48 45
Indiana, individuals,	15 00
Illinois, State Convention,	69 75
" individual donations,	30 00
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	99 75
Missouri, African church, St. Louis,	12 18
Tennessee, collections, &c.	100 00
Michigan, individual donation,	50 00
(Also \$83 from local societies, not entered before this report was made up.)	
Lower Canada, individual donation,	50 00
Burmah, individual donation,	30 00
Sundries, individuals' residence unknown,	277 11
Loans and Discounts,	3473 75
Balance brought from last account due society,	124 38
Balance due the Treasurer.	196 31
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Total,	\$17,232 13

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To amount paid on drafts to Missionaries, Agents, Secretaries, since last Report,	13275 54
Postages, Exchanges, and travelling expenses,	300 35
Printing last Report, Quarterly Paper, engraving certificates, &c.	300 74
Rent of Office,	287 35
Loans paid off,	3000 00
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	\$17,232 13

I certify that I have examined the foregoing Treasurer's account, with the vouchers for the past year, and find it correct, and that there remains a balance due the Treasurer of one hundred and ninety-six dollars twenty-one cents.

JOHN R. LUDLOW, Auditor.

New-York, 26th April, 1838.

RECEIPTS OF AUXILIARIES.

N. B. We give below the receipts of Conventions for Domestic Missions only, which are often only a moiety of their entire receipts.

1. By the Convention of Maine—unknown,	
2. " " N. Hampshire,	\$1102 75
3. " " Vermont,	632 40
4. " " Massachusetts,	2171 75
5. " " Connecticut,	581 84
6. " " Rhode Island,	1072 87
7. " " New-York, (12,057 14) of which expended in D. Missions,	7906 97
8. " " New-Jersey,	2362 45
9. " " Pennsylvania, unknown,	
10. " " Illinois.	635 27
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	\$16,542 10

Hence it appears, that this Society and its auxiliaries, have received (and expended about the same) for Home Mission purposes, \$30,300 38, exclusive of loans. To which, if we add the receipts of Conventions, Associations, and Societies, not auxiliary, as near as we can form an estimate, from the data in our possession, it will show that our denomination have expended \$47,815 32, for home operations, during the past year, in this country.

APPENDIX.

[A.]

The following letter, from brother McLearn will be read with much interest and assure. We in the states know far too little of our brethren, and of their labours of re in the provinces to which it relates, New BRUNSWICK and NOVA SCOTIA. is in the sea are also stretching out their hands for the law of God. How courageing this fact to the friends of Home Missions, that one half of the sixty churches in Nova Scotia were raised up by missionary labours.

“WINDSOR, N. S., April 13, 1838.

‘Dear Brother,—Yours of March 1, and March 28, both came duly to hand. In re- to your inquiries, I have to say:—That the Nova Scotia Baptist Association, dy twenty years ago, resolved themselves into a Dom. Mission Society. The ociation has, ever since, continued the Mission Society of the province, and oes annually a committee for the transaction of business. Formerly this Com- tee met only occasionally as circumstances demanded, but recently meetings are quarterly, for the despatch of such business as is required. The funds of the istry are derived from trifling collections in the several congregations, which are t on by the messengers of the churches to the Association, and recently there are a churches which augment the funds considerably by mite societies. The amount ur funds is from £150 to £200 per annum. [*£ currency, we presume, which is a \$600 to \$800.*]

Ve have never had a Missionary regularly employed, but expend our funds by em- ring pastors of churches for a few weeks, or a few months, in travelling amongst destitute. We are not satisfied with this expedient; we would greatly prefer aging a few permanent missionaries, but we cannot obtain suitable men, who will sent to devote their whole time to missionary services.

Ve afford our missionaries only six dollars per week, and pay their travelling ex- ce, and we require of them to take up collections and donations as far as possible the benefit of the funds, and account therefor to the Treasurer of the Board. Some sionaries who are popular in some places, receive the full amount of their claim labours. Some receive only half, and some persons in some places receive nothing. Ve are extremely anxious to obtain a few men adapted to the employment, who uld devote their whole time to missionary labours. Indeed, one of our most wealthy rebes have passed a resolution to sustain a Missionary for a year on Prince ward Island, as soon as a Missionary can be obtained, and probably they would be sed to continue his services.

ape Breton is still extremely destitute of the preaching of the gospel, and we find ry difficult to obtain men to spend only a few months on the Island. Last year

Richardson was employed there by us for the space of three months. There e at least five feeble Baptist Churches on the Island, and no pastor. There is one ized Minister on the Island, a brother McGuillen, from the United States, who led on the Island many years ago; he has a large family, and labours with his ds for their support; we are now in the habit of employing him about one-third of time in travelling and preaching through the Island. A young man from our rch, by name Philemon D. Lavers, has, within a few years decided on the mi- ry, and is located at Margaree, in the centre of the Island, and preaches regularly small congregation. He will probably soon be ordained. Much of the Island, ver, is still extremely destitute of the word of life; and in many places the ple would prefer a Baptist minister.

missionary is required for the Island who would travel throughout the year, to preach gospel to the destitute, to visit the feeble churches, to assist them in obtaining tors; indeed he should possess the qualities of a zealous Evangelist and a ju-

ditions Bishop, and take a general superintendence of the whole Island. Such a man would be of infinite value to that Island. Such a missionary ought to have at least £100 per annum, and his travelling expenses, which would be very small; for the people would receive him as an angel, and afford him the very best accommodations they have; though in some places, potatoes and fish would be the best, with a bed of straw. Such a missionary might collect among the people one-third of his living; but not more.

You will hear with pleasure, that three promising young men from the Island are at Horton Institution, studying for the ministry, and another is expected soon. Two of them speak the Gaelic language, which is very important. The day is dawning on poor Cape Breton.

Our Board does not meet until about the 20th June, when your letters shall be laid before the brethren, and we shall be happy to hear from you again previously.

We shall be happy to correspond with you, and in our infancy to receive any counsel from you by which we may be more efficient. Our Society is rising in importance very fast, and our funds will increase.

Would it not be expedient for you to take our paper, which is published weekly under the patronage of the Missionary Society, and which combines all our missionary intelligence?

Most affectionately yours,

RICHARD McLEARN.

Cor. Sec'y. B. D. M. B.

REV. LUTHER CRAWFORD.

P. S. Of sixty Baptist Churches in this province, at least one half have been raised up by missionary labour. God has greatly blessed even the occasional visits of pastors through the destitute regions. After our Association, I will send you a report of the proceedings for the present year.

There is a Domestic Mission Society in New Brunswick. I believe they are established on similar principles with ourselves; probably their funds are larger than ours. We publish no regular report in either province. We make some remarks in our minutes.

R. McL.

[B.]

AUXILIARIES—RESULTS OF LABOUR.

In *New-Hampshire* two churches constituted; added by baptism 39; by letter 21. "The labours of our Domestic Missionaries," say the report of a Committee, "have been seasonable and refreshing in the places where they have laboured; and the small appropriations bestowed on several feeble churches, have enabled them to enjoy a preached gospel a portion of the time, and encouraged them in their further efforts to sustain the cause of Christ among themselves. Several places in different parts of the state have enjoyed very considerable refreshings from the presence of the Lord; eight new churches have been constituted; eleven ministers ordained; and more than four hundred persons added to our churches on profession of faith." These, as we understand it, are the results of *pastoral* and missionary labour combined.

The missionaries of the *Vermont* Convention have constituted three churches in Lower Canada, and baptized more than one hundred; among whom were two Methodist preachers. "The Universalist has given up his soul-destroying error, and embraced the doctrine of the Bible—the Sabbath-breaker is now found at the house of God—the profane swearer has become a praying man—the drunkard has dashed the cup of death from his lips, and is filled with the spirit of God; and many of the youth who were sporting upon the brink of ruin, are now spending their golden moments in the service of God."

In *Massachusetts*, (we derive our facts from the Report of 1837,) eleven of the churches assisted have settled pastors. Two hundred and fifty-three have been baptized. Also a number of teachers have been directed to fields in the western Valley.

The Secretary of the *New-York* Convention says—

"From the reports which have been received, it appears that at least forty-two years of pastoral labour have been performed, in fifty-four churches, located in twenty-eight different counties in this State. There have also been reported seven years and twenty-eight weeks of missionary labour performed. Of this amount three years have been expended among the destitute in northern Pennsylvania, and the residue upon those in like circumstances in this State. Making an aggregate, including the labours of the agents, of fifty-one years of ministerial labour reported and paid for by the Convention.

As the result of those labours, at least 12,000 sermons have been preached, 16,000 families have been visited, 520 who, in the judgment of charity, have been translated from the kingdom of darkness into the kingdom of God's dear Son, have yielded obedience to the command, and followed the example of their King in the ordinance of baptism. How many others have obtained mercy of the Lord, and have united with other churches, or who may yet be halting between two opinions, we must wait to have revealed at that day when all the jewels of the Saviour will be presented before the throne, and when the entire results of our work and labour of love will be fully delineated.

In addition to this, we have the pleasure to state that four churches have been constituted, and have received the fellowship of duly organized ecclesiastical councils."

The reports of other auxiliaries are too imperfect in their summaries, to enable us to give the results of their labours.

We most sincerely desire that every auxiliary would give us a condensed statement, containing at least the following particulars, viz :

1. The number of missionaries, and their locations. This can best be done in a table.
2. The aggregate length of time they have served.
3. The number of churches they have been instrumental in raising up, or constituting, and of ministers ordained.
4. The number of persons received by them to the churches by baptism and by letter.

Other particulars may be added, such as the number of sermons preached—of miles travelled—of pupils in the Sunday schools—of Temperance members, &c. &c.

[C.]

A VOICE FROM TENNESSEE.

The writer of the subjoined letter removed a few years ago from Virginia. His age and standing in the churches entitles his appeal to serious regard. Brother Howell, the pastor of the church in Nashville, thus writes us : "I do not know, in all this region, (out of Nashville,) a single minister who is supported by the church, or who gives himself wholly to the work, (except missionaries,) or of a single church that has preaching every Lord's day !"

MADISON COUNTY, TENN., March 24th, 1838.

Dear Brother Crawford,—I left home some two weeks since, and have attended meeting every day, preaching in the counties of Haywood, Tipton, Fayette, Hardiman, and Madison. Most of this trip I have been in company with the Agent of the Convention for this part of our State, who agrees with me as regards our present situation as a denomination. Haywood is the county in which I reside, with two other brethren, (ministers.)

Tipton County.—In the County town the Baptists have the only house for worship in the place, but no preacher in the county of our connexion. The prospect is good in several neighbourhoods to raise up churches. In this county, (Shelby,) Covington, the County town, and Randolph, situate at the junction of the Hatchie and Mississippi Rivers, are the principal towns. We have no preacher. (There are some of the Anti-Baptists preachers—or Anti-missionary Baptists of the last cast, of which I shall not speak in this letter—merely pass them by.) Memphis is the principal town in the County. Raleigh is the seat of justice. In both these places churches ought to be organized ; but there is no one to do it. Fayette County has two preachers. In this county there are several churches. To the one in Summerville, the seat of justice, I preach once a month. This church is prospered. It enjoyed the services of brother N. M. Lumpkin last year, who has gone to visit his parents in Georgia. He writes that it is uncertain when he will return. This church has an amount subscribed by responsible persons, *sufficient* to build them a good brick house, which has been contracted for, to be completed this year.

Lagrange is also in this county, where there is a church and convenient house, nearly completed. Hardiman County has but one or two preachers, and one of them says he expects to go to Texas. Bolivar, the seat of justice, is the principal town in this county, where there are but three Baptists, and one of them a black man ; while the other sects, at least some of them, have Societies. Notwithstanding which, the citizens have come forward and built a good brick house, thirty-six by forty-six, which is to be dedicated the first Lord's day in next month. This house is the property of

the Baptists, and they are raising a subscription for a Baptist minister to come and preach to them—from whence we know not. In this county, (Madison,) there are three or four brethren who preach, while there are several churches of respectability. In Jackson, the principal town and seat of justice for this county, the minister, I. Finley, has resigned his charge, and moves to Franklin, in Middle Tenn., eighteen miles from Nashville, leaving the Baptist church destitute. We have lost from this region by removal, J. G. Hall and I. Finley: a third is on the verge of being excluded, and I have no doubt will be; a fourth is struggling under heavy charges. I will say nothing in reference to the other counties, about which much might be said, some of which have no preachers. *But, after all, the Baptists are respectable, numerous, and influential.* With this state of things before you, I need not make an appeal for help—for men of God worthy of the confidence of the people. If this letter is not sufficient to produce deep feeling for the cause of God in this section, I am at a loss to know what can. If it is not responded to by your Society, I despair and give up. This is, it seems to me, a dying effort on my part, as I may not make another; nor need I. Some may find objections to coming to this part of the country. These objections may be real. I might select a location elsewhere more to my own liking. Yet shall I flee? If on no other principle, I can stay here just as I would in Burmah or Liberia. Cannot others do so? I hope to hear from you immediately. My address is Brownsville, Haywood County.

Yours in love,

P. S. GAYLE.

AUXILIARIES.

The Baptist denomination has always suffered for want of some bond of union obviously proper among those who hold "one Lord, one faith, and one baptism." Home missions present the least objectionable basis for such a union; and it is hoped, that, at no distant period, one spirit may animate the thousands of our Israel in efforts for their common interest, and in the noblest labours of love for the good of souls ready to perish. One leading object in the establishment of the A. B. H. M. Society, was to combine, in one sacred brotherhood, all the friends of Domestic Missions in the denomination throughout the United States. But this object has as yet received only a partial accomplishment. Apprehension has been felt in some quarters, that any alliance with this Society, though it were no more than nominal, would make them tributary, deprive them of the control of their funds, or in some way abridge their liberties. Such apprehension is entirely groundless, as will be seen by reference to the history of the Society, or to its constitution. Some auxiliaries are formed expressly for the purpose of raising funds for the parent Society; others, as our conventions, have missionary operations of their own. When their receipts are greater than their expenditures, we should suppose it would be their happiness to appropriate the surplus through a body organized for the purpose, for the benefit of other portions of the country, or when others are more needy than themselves, to divide their income.

We rejoice in the belief that the objects of this Society are becoming better understood, and as better understood, they will be more highly appreciated. We cannot but anticipate the time when Societies will exist in all parts of the land—each managing its own affairs, yet all making but *one* glorious whole.

TOO MUCH OVERLOOKED.

On Saturday morning, (at an adjourned meeting of our anniversary,) the time was principally consumed in a free conference on Home Missions. It was observed that brethren from different parts of the country thought, each, that his own section was most needy and full of promise. This arose, no doubt, from the fact that each was better acquainted with the wants of his own section, and had felt and prayed more for it. [The following interesting remarks were, by accident, omitted in their proper place.]

Brother Alva Woods, late President of the University of Alabama, said he believed it a fact, that the southwest had been too much overlooked. He thought that men of the right sort would meet with great encouragement, and would be principally supported as travelling preachers by the people and churches. There are many Baptist churches in Alabama, and but few ministers. He knew of but one man that was wholly supported as the pastor of one church! Baptist teachers are also wanted—fifty might find employment immediately. He felt a deep interest in this Society, and desired the committee to turn their attention more to the far southwest.

QUARTERLY PAPER.

AMERICAN BAPTIST

OUR GOSPEL CAME NOT UNTO YOU IN WORD ONLY, BUT ALSO IN POWER, AND IN THE HOLY GHOST, AND IN MUCH ASSURANCE—SO THAT YE WERE ENSAMPLES TO ALL THAT BELIEVE. FOR FROM YOU SOUNDED OUT THE WORD OF THE LORD, NOT ONLY IN MACEDONIA AND ACHAIA, BUT ALSO IN EVERY PLACE YOUR FAITH TO GOD-WARD IS SPREAD ABROAD

PAUL to the Thessalonians.

HEREIN IS MY FATHER GLORIFIED, THAT YE BEAR MUCH FRUIT, SO SHALL YE BE MY DISCIPLES.—JESUS CHRIST.

HOME MISSION SOCIETY.

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Mission Rooms, 118 Nassau-street, New-York.

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OUR—YOUR ; THE DIFFERENCE.

WHEN men have a personal interest or proprietorship in a concern, it is observable that in speaking of it, they always use the possessive *our*. Nor does the use of the possessive depend on the amount of proprietorship; however small that may be, it is still, *our*. But when they have no personal right or interest in the concern, then it is *your*. A citizen speaks of *our* country, *our* institutions, a foreigner of *your* country and *your* institutions. So of churches and societies. Wherever our interest is at all identified, we expect this language. The manner in which a member of a church or society speaks of the affairs of that community, discovers somewhat the state of his own feelings. *Your* seems distant, indicates no responsibility; *our* implies that the fortunes of that community, its joys or sorrows, its depressions or triumphs, are our own. In regard to Home Missions, every Baptist in the country has a denominational proprietorship, and not a few, a pecuniary interest which entitles them to say *our*, and we could earnestly desire that that language only should be used, and all that it implies, *felt*. If any one feels conscious that the language of appropriation is not proper for him, it is easy for him to acquire that right. An annual contribution makes an annual member. There is no one then, who may not, if he chooses, personally participate in the glorious triumphs which we anticipate from preaching the glorious gospel of the blessed God in our own country.

MEMBERS AND DIRECTORS FOR LIFE.

Of Directors, we now have ninety-eight, and of members, three hundred and one, constituted such by the necessary payments. Fifty of them were made such the last year. Of annual members, we keep no register, every contributor either directly or through an auxiliary, being a member. The number is great, and is increasing.

THE WIDOW'S MITE.

We are happy to afford our widowed sister an opportunity to speak a word of exhortation through our paper. We are thankful for her *alms*, and from the spirit her communication breathes, we doubt not we shall also be benefited by her prayers.

"Sharon, Conn. March 1, 1838.

"DEAR BRETHREN AND SISTERS—I am not my own. If not deceived, I have given myself to him who suffered and died, and rose again. I have been thinking for some time past, Lord what wilt thou have me to do? After reading sister Wade's most excellent letter to pious females, my duty appeared plain. I send thirty dollars

to constitute myself a member of the American Baptist Home Mission Society—five for the American and Foreign Bible Society—two for the Suffield Literary Institution; one for the Tract Society, and one each as advance pay for the Baptist Magazine and the Record.

“ Dear Sisters in the Lord, may we feel willing to deny ourselves of some unnecessary things, that we may have the more to give for the spread of the gospel among the destitute.

“ We want but little here below,
Nor want that little long.”

“ From your affectionate sister in the Lord,
“ A WIDOW.”

SURPLUS INCOME, WELL DEPOSITED.

During the late political canvass in this city, a watchman was employed to post bills about the streets. This service he could perform while on his rounds, and not interfere with his duties as watchman. For compensation he received *thirty-five dollars*, thirty of which were immediately paid over to constitute himself a member for life of an institution which he selected, and the remaining five is kept in reserve towards making himself a member for life of the American Baptist Home Mission Society, so soon as providence shall favour him with some more extra labour, so as to enable him to make up the requisite sum!

This brother is in moderate circumstances, and labours hard, as his employment indicates, for the support of his (we believe) numerous family. How natural would it have been for him on obtaining this sum, to have said, “ I can now afford myself or family some new gratification, some articles of furniture, or of dress, of which I have denied myself.” Or how natural to have put it into the bank, or loaned it out for the future wants of himself or children! But no, he put it *all* into the ‘Treasury of the Lord, to supply the perishing with the bread of life!

Reader, did this man do right or wrong, judge thou. If wrong, wherein? If right, by what law? Is it not of equal obligation—circumstances being equal, on all—on thee? What would be the result were every christian brother and sister to do likewise? It would constitute a new era in the history of benevolence, or rather, bring back the primitive era, when “ the deep poverty” of the saints “ abounded unto their liberality.”

ONE AND A HALF PER CENT QUARTERLY!

A committee was appointed by the Vermont Convention the last year, to superintend missionary affairs in the Barre Association. “ It was proposed to employ all our ministering brethren in the Association as missionaries in rotation, and that each church should be immediately visited by one of the committee in company with one of the missionaries, expressly to secure their co-operation and pledges. It was proposed to each member to pay one and a half per cent on his clear property *quarterly*, to be at the disposal of the committee. This visitation was made, and the plan adopted, with some exceptions.”

As a voluntary thing, this is a noble example. It is a trifle more than six per cent a year, which is legal interest in Vermont. It was doubtless much more than the *tenth* part of their income. But the brethren in that Association were blessed in their deed. They were rewarded in spiritual things. Besides, such property is where the moth cannot corrupt.

TEARS OF JOY—AN EXTRACT.

Brother E. W. Freeman, of Strongville, Ohio, who has recently been appointed a missionary, in acknowledging the kindness, says, “ I received your letter and commission at a time when it was calculated to make the deepest impression on my own heart, and on that of my brethren and sisters. The brethren, at this time, were fearful that they would be unable to raise an amount sufficient to sustain me. *This* [\$50 only] raised their drooping spirits, and drew tears of joy from their eyes. Much gratitude was expressed to God for his help in their time of need.”

Our brother is placed in an interesting region, about fourteen miles from Cleveland. The town north of him has no church of any denomination.

BAPTISM OF A MINISTER.

A correspondent in Illinois just writes us that our missionary, Norman Parks, of Hancock county, "has lately baptized a Cumberland Presbyterian minister, by name of Haynes, formerly editor of the *Pittsburgher*, a Cumberland Presbyterian paper."

DISINTERESTED LABOUR—BLESSED.

From our missionary, Caleb Green, at Southington, Trumbull county, Ohio, we have received a letter, from which we take the following :

"Another interesting circumstance I will relate. A number of poor Methodist brethren came into a remote part of the township, west of me, a few years since. These brethren manifested a desire to do good, by opening a Sabbath school and prayer meetings on the Sabbath ; but the wicked began to oppose them ; yet they increased their efforts to do good, by erecting a frame school house, which was a great work for them, for they were indeed poor. But to add to their distress, when the house was about completed, some ill minded person or persons set it on fire, and it was consumed. Knowing that they were in the midst of a wicked people, I felt interested for them, and have travelled seven or eight miles to preach to them in the evening, when fatigued by the labours of the Sabbath, but now I felt to sympathize with them deeply. In October last, I think, it was reported that a black man was to preach to them, but having some knowledge of his character, I thought he would be likely to disappoint them ; and knowing that the novelty of the thing would bring together many who seldom attend worship, I went prepared to preach, if occasion should require. The house was crowded, and many could not get in, but no black man came. I endeavoured to show them that without holiness no man could see the Lord. In the fore part of winter, while I was detained by the sickness of my family, I spent a Sabbath with them, and did not know till after the morning service, that there was any seriousness among them. I was then informed there was much seriousness, and that it commenced the day the black man was to have preached. Several on this day indulged hopes, and since that time about twenty. The probability is, that none of them will unite with the Baptists, yet I bless God for the *conversion and salvation of their souls*."

HELP FROM CATHOLICS.

"Some of my support," says our missionary at Richmond, "is from several young men who are Roman Catholics, who attend our meetings." This is generous, and it is as it should be. Those who are benefited by the gospel should help in its support.

MRS. WADE'S LETTER.

This letter has been so kindly received that we are induced to place those parts of it which relate exclusively to Home Missions, among our more permanent documents. Not a few have had their spirits stirred within them by the sentiments it contains ; and still more by the example it sets. While some have already "entered with her into the good work," and recorded their names with the members of the Society ; others, we are happy to know, (and some of them *widows*,) are now laying aside the little they can spare from present necessities, with the intention of doing the same as soon as practicable. We rejoice that the appeal of this devoted servant of Jesus in a dark pagan land, has reached the hearts of so many, and induced them to think of consecrating their substance to this cause ; but we place a still higher value upon the *responsibility* she attaches to membership. The thirty dollars is only the initiation fee, and a pledge to pray and labour for the Society for life. We need the *prayers*, as well as the *alms* of our friends.

TAVOY, May 16th, 1837.

To the Ladies of the several Baptist Churches of New-York City and Brooklyn.

My very Dear Sisters,—A vivid and very delightful recollection of my pleasant interviews with you, during my late visit to my native country, has often caused me to wish a correspondence, especially with those kind individuals whose hospitality and sympathy were so very grateful to my feelings ; but the much I ever find to do here in these dark regions, for my ignorant, perishing, immortal fellow beings, has compelled me to deny myself such an indulgence, and I only now take my pen because I

hope, in some small degree, to promote the same blessed object, viz : the salvation of the perishing. What is life worth, if it may not, in some way, be devoted to the great work which our Saviour left for his Church to do, when he ascended into glory?

I was, yesterday, looking over the Fourth Report of the American Baptist Home Mission Society, which has lately reached us, and was deeply interested in the results of the last year's labour. How many feeble churches strengthened and comforted, while new ones have been constituted, preachers ordained, and what a goodly number converted to God ! I felt my heart tenderly united to those good brethren and sisters who are thus working hard, and suffering many trials and privations in the *far* "far west," and felt that we were engaged in the same glorious work. In looking over the names of Life Directors, I was delighted to find so many of the great, and the good, pledged, not only to support, but also *direct* this blessed work during *life*. And among the Life Members too, I recognised many of the "excellent of the earth," whose contributions and prayers, I doubt not, ascend as sweet incense before the Lord. But in glancing over the Treasurer's account, I was concerned to find such a *want of means* to carry forward, vigorously, this glorious enterprise, and the thought immediately occurred, Why are there not more of my female friends members of this society ? Is not the object of sufficient importance to bring forward their names, their influence, their prayers, and their property to support it during *life* ? Dear Sisters, though an exile in a dark, pagan land, I still love my native country. Her happy government, her flourishing institutions, and especially her religious freedom, are dearer than ever to my heart. But what security, I would ask, have you, that these rich blessings shall be continued to you, without a greater diffusion of light, and knowledge, and more especially the influence of our holy religion ? And is there any means of promoting this all-important object so directly as through the operations of the Home Mission Society ? With thoughts like these, I felt my heart stirred within me to contribute *my* mite, and after setting apart a time to ask direction of the Lord, have, from the avails of retrenchment, together with some small personal presents, just sent the Treasurer of the A. B. H. M. Society, the sum of thirty dollars, to constitute myself a Life Member of the Society.

I am well aware, that though a member of the Society, I am *far* away, and cannot expect to exert an influence which can be felt in its behalf, but still I shall consider my poor prayers pledged, and while life remains hope never to forget the solemn responsibility I thus assume. And now, dear sisters, as we are commanded to provoke one another to love and good works, and to exhort each other daily, permit me to ask, how many of your number will enter with me into this good work ? Should one, and another, begin to say, I am not able to give so much, permit me to ask those sisters, if they have ever solemnly before God, resolved to use *all* He has committed to their hands, for *His* honor and *His* glory ; and then, from day to day, asked direction, with a fixed purpose of heart, not to expend even a shilling, to indulge herself and family in any thing which she does not conscientiously feel, that she needs more than the ignorant and the perishing need the blessed word of life, for the salvation of their souls ? Allow me, dear sisters, to suggest a motto which has been of much use to me for several years past. It is this—"Cannot you do without it ?" Let this simple query be applied to all the wants and wishes of a family, and if the love of God, and the love of man abide in them, it will produce its effect. I have been astonished and grieved, to hear the professing followers of Him who for our sakes became poor, and had not where to lay his precious head, asking, can this *little* ornament, or this, or that, unnecessary indulgence, be *sinful* ? As though they never thought of a perishing world around them, or of the command to deny self daily, and to love our neighbour as ourselves. It cheers my heart, however, to think of some delightful exceptions to these remarks, and I anticipate, with feelings inexpressible, the time when the whole church shall "come up to the help of the Lord against the mighty." Then, and not till then, shall Zion put on her beautiful garments, and become the "joy of the whole earth."

But my beloved sisters, my time for writing is past, and thus too, the dream of life will soon be past, when we shall meet again, shall meet too, an assembled world to whom our blessed Saviour has commanded us to make known the blessed gospel. And how then shall we meet in the presence of our God, those who in the "far west" have sighed and prayed for some one to come and break to them the bread of life, and to those who lived and died without the precious Bible, and those too, who never heard the sweet sound of pardon and peace through a crucified Saviour, if the *means* to give them these rich blessings have been put into our hands, and we have *refused to do so*, that we might live in ease and self-indulgence as those who have their "*portion in this world* ?" Dear sisters, these are solemn reflections to my own soul,

and I pray that each of you may cherish the blessed influences of the Holy Spirit, which would lead you not only to wake up and *feel* now and then, but really to love your neighbour as yourselves, and rest in nothing short of doing the *whole* will of God.

From your affectionate sister in Christ,

D. B. L. WADE.

P. S. Dear Sisters, I should much like to fill another sheet, with accounts of the work of the Lord, which is going on more and more gloriously here, especially among the dear Karens, but have only time to say that ninety-six have been baptized at the station within the last few months, and we still have above one hundred inquirers. Pray for us that we may be "filled with faith and the Holy Ghost." D. B. L. W.

RETRENCHMENT OF MISSIONARY PAY—THE EFFECT IT PRODUCES.

A brother in Illinois, who was notified that he could receive no farther aid, writes us, that he nevertheless continued his labours, and made no alteration, for a time, in his appointments.

He says, "I continued my labours, still trusting in my dear Lord, and laboured incessantly as an independent missionary. I rode during the year, fifteen hundred and sixty-five miles, and preached one hundred and eighty-three times, besides Sabbath school lectures, exhortations, and lectures on temperance. I had the pleasure of witnessing the conversion of many dear souls, from darkness into God's marvellous, and glorious light; and baptized 63 hopeful converts. I received in presents from the people, about \$56 43, and for benevolent purposes gave away \$17 50. May the Lord accompany it with his blessing.

"I received a letter from an unknown sister in New-York, containing admonitions, and instructions, and indeed, many words of comfort to my heart, and a five dollar note;—all was thankfully received.

"Although, something was subscribed by one church, which has my monthly attendance, very little has been paid the past year, and I have no prospect for a support the present year. On this account, and because of the hard times, I am obliged to neglect the word of God, and cannot labour in the ministry, as heretofore. I have commenced the business of boot and shoe-making, which confines me all the time, except on the Lord's day. I am very unhappy in my present situation; may the Lord direct me. For six years I was fully employed in the ministry, and preached from four to ten sermons a week. Oh! how much happier I was then than I am now. I am afraid that I shall be visited by an officer, and have my goods taken from me. I will still write occasionally, as I may have any thing of importance to communicate, and as I do not receive the Gospel Witness now, I should be glad to receive a communication from you."

By a subsequent letter, we learn that he has been sued, as he feared, and put to cost. In regard to his giving away \$17 50, in his circumstances, we have heard some severe animadversion, especially from a wealthy brother, and we should have suppressed all allusion to the fact, had it not have been for the following sentence in the subsequent letter just mentioned. "But, my dear brother, when I look around me I see abundant cause for gratitude to God for his great goodness. I gave away \$17 50 the last year for benevolent purposes, and the Lord has blessed me more than one hundred per cent. Nothing has been lost. Bread cast upon the waters will return." There is that scattereth and yet increaseth; there is that withholdeth more than is meet, and it tendeth to poverty.

ANOTHER CASE.

One who has long been our missionary in Ohio, writes—"I found myself in debt—my family in want, and my brethren unable to afford me much assistance. In these circumstances, I deemed it necessary to resign my connexion with the Society, and make the most I could of the labour of my hands. This course has helped my family, but the church has languished."

AND STILL ANOTHER.

"My circumstances are so straitened," says a missionary, "that without help I must leave the gospel plough, to plough the earth—my family must live. Yet it was me pained to see so many perishing, unwarned. God says, 'Go ye, therefore,'

and duty to God and to perishing sinners says 'Go,' and the Macedonian cry is constantly sounding in my ears, saying, Come and help us. The event I must leave with God."

UPPER CANADA—POLITICS—RELIGIOUS DESTITUTION.

Our missionary at Brantford writes us, May 7th, that he has finished a tour among the churches of the Western Association. He says, "they are in a very languishing state at present. They are miserably divided in their minds about politics. The recent disturbances have been the means of infusing envy, hatred, malice, revenge, distrust and discontent into every vein of our social condition. Poverty and wretchedness are the consequences. Under these grievances we need efficient ministers to warm the hearts of the people with the gospel of the blessed God.

"There are many places where the people do not hear the gospel preached from one year's end to another. It is therefore next to impossible that any thing like religion and good order should be kept up." Yet he further adds, "Many ministers have left the country since our troubles commenced."

TEXAS, THE COUNTRY AND PEOPLE.

The following extract is taken from a letter written by a gentleman residing in Shelbyville, Texas, and addressed to Rev. Ashley Vaughn, late of Natchez, dated 25th March, 1838.

"We have a beautiful spring thus far. Our farmers are busily engaged in preparing for a large crop of corn, with which to supply emigrants. Steamboats are now navigating the Sabine, which causes provisions to be more plentiful and cheap than formerly, in Eastern Texas. Corn is now worth two dollars per bushel, and it is thought it will not rise. Some anticipate a fall in the price of the article, in consequence of its introduction into the country by steamboats from New-Orleans. Most of various kinds is plenty throughout the country. The warm spell of weather which we have some time past enjoyed, and which still continues, is causing vegetation of all kinds to put forth very fast, and our whole country from East to West, will soon be one boundless natural meadow, capable of supporting almost any number of cattle. A man can now travel very well throughout the whole republic without being at the expense of buying a single ear of corn for his horse, and if the latter be a native of the country, he will keep fat during the whole journey. Our prairies now present the appearance of a vast flower garden.—Will not you, Mr. Editor, and some of your brethren preachers come over this summer or fall, and take a ramble through our beautiful prairies, and hunt up some of the lost sheep of the house of Israel. I assure you that you would be very welcome visitants, and I think might accomplish much for the interest of your denomination, which is quite numerous in this country, as well as for the general interests of the church of Christ. Is the Baptist church asleep in regard to Texas? The Methodists have several pious and talented preachers here, who are succeeding admirably in building churches and organizing societies. The Cumberlands have organized a Presbytery, passed some excellent resolutions, and formed a Home Missionary Society. The Presbyterians have at least one excellent minister in the field, the Rev. Hugh Wilson; but what are the Baptists—which are said to be more numerous in the Republic than any other denomination—what are they doing? Nothing,—at least in proportion to what they ought to do, and what I hope they will do.

"I see a petition in circulation in the Republic, which appears to be signed by men of all denominations, and by many highly respectable individuals unconnected with any church, praying that the Rev. Messrs. Joel Parker, W. T. Hamilton, and Zebulon Butler, three of the distinguished divines of the Presbyterian church in the South, may visit Texas during the ensuing summer and fall, and preach to the people. Now, Mr. Editor, I think this an excellent idea; and as Baptists should not be slow to learn of sister denominations, I would suggest the propriety of three of their most talented ministers visiting Texas during the summer or fall, and holding protracted meetings, preaching the gospel from house to house, and doing good in every practicable way. If you think it expedient, we will get up a petition to that effect. Almost any number of signatures can be obtained.—Perhaps a few suggestions from you would answer the same purpose. Will you try it?

"Twenty-three thousand dollars have been recently subscribed for building a church (Methodist) at Nacogdoches; and two hundred and fifty-seven dollars for Sunday school books at Houston.

"Every emigrant to Texas should bring a supply of religious books, tracts, newspapers, pamphlets, &c."

RECEIPTS

On account of AMERICAN BAPTIST HOME MISSION SOCIETY.

s in Bap. Ch. and Society, Middlesex and Gorham, N. Y.	35
s in New-Hampshire, by Rev. Thomas Rand, agent,	12 37
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rd, donation for Wm. Geary,	22
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to constitute his wife Ann Probyn, a life member,	30
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d, collections in Philadelphia,	289 32
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za McCutchen, Treasurer,	26
. Merritt, in part for life directorship,	\$20
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7. Purify, in part for life member,	5
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P. P. Lawrence, in part for life membership,	5
Lewis Bond, " " "	56
Rev. Andrew M. Craig, " " "	5
Turner Ham, " " "	5
W. J. Britton, " " "	5
Lewis W. Thompson, " " "	5
Wm. S. Brown, " " "	5
George Northam, " " "	10
Rev. A. G. Battle, " " "	10
John Hacking, " " "	5
Mount Olive Church, Anson County, "	12
Collections, name not given, " "	1 50

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Received since Annual Report.

Received from New-York Bap. S. Convention, per John Smitzer, Sec.	300
Collection by the church and congregation of Scotch Plains, New-Jer.	
per Richard John Rogers,	16 31
Collections in New-Jersey, by John C. Murphy,	63 73
Professor Ira Chase, of Newton, annual subscription,	1
Contributions at annual meeting, to constitute Eugenio Kincaid, a life member,	30
Modest Town Baptist Church, by Geo. Cramer,	10
Thomas Hooper, Edentown, Georgia, per Rev. John E. Dawson,	100
Collection at annual meeting, including \$10 from Miss Hannah Nichols, Bridgeport, Conn. towards constituting Rev. J. W. Eaton, a life member,	219 46
Church, Amesbury, Mass. by I. F. Wilcox,	15
Mrs. N. Hunt, Sharon, Conn. to constitute herself a life member,	30
I. Crocker, Sharon, Conn.	5
— More, Washington city, D. C. by I. M. Allen,	10
Mrs. Cox, per elder W. Bartlett,	1
Students of Brown University, per Mr. Curtis,	7 25
Female Missionary Society, Willimantic, Conn. in full, to constitute Rev. B. Cook, a life member,	17
Ladies' Western Association, of 1st Baptist Church, Providence, R. I. by V. J. Bates, Treasurer of R. I. Convention,	150
Female Western Missionary Society, Warren, R. I. for 1837, \$40. and 1838, \$41 31, by Rev. J. C. Welsh,	81 31
Male " " " "	4
Collection of Warren Association, per H. H. Brown,	3 20
By the same from a friend, in a note,	2
First Bap. Church, Providence, R. I. in part, to constitute Pardon Miller, a life director,	50
Ladies' Baptist Missionary Society, Portsmouth, N. H. per Miss R. Hardy, Secretary,	15
Robert Edwards, New-York city, per W. Colgate,	15
Baptist Church at St. Helena, Beaufort District, S. Carolina, per Daniel Bythewood,	25
Mrs. Stokes, per S. H. Cone,	5
Widow's Mite,	3
Julia Francis,	1
Zedekiah Watkins, South Carolina,	10
Female Mite Society of New-Bedford, Mass. by Mrs. L. B. Greene,	30
W. Soulden, of Albany, to constitute Charles Van Loon, a life member,	30

R. W. MARTIN, TREASURER.

QUARTERLY PAPER.

AMERICAN BAPTIST

HOME MISSION SOCIETY.

OUR GOSPEL CAME NOT UNTO YOU IN WORD ONLY, BUT ALSO IN POWER, AND IN THE HOLY GHOST, AND IN MUCH ASSURANCE—SO THAT YE WERE ENSAMPLES TO ALL THAT BELIEVE. FOR FROM YOU SOUNDED OUT THE WORD OF THE LORD, NOT ONLY IN MACEDONIA AND ACHAEA, BUT ALSO IN EVERY PLACE YOUR FAITH TO GOD-WARD IS SPREAD ABROAD.

PAUL to the Thessalonians.

HEREIN IS MY FATHER GLORIFIED, THAT YE BEAR MUCH FRUIT, SO SHALL YE BE MY DISCIPLES.—JESUS CHRIST.

No. III. Mission Rooms, 118 Nassau-street, New-York. August, 1838.

THE TIMES IMPROVED.

So it is said. The din of complaint of "the pressure" has greatly subsided, and generally passed away. There is perceptible improvement in most branches of industry. Commerce is again taking in her harness, and spreading her canvass; the streets of our cities, which had been hushed into almost Petrean solitude, are again becoming resonant with the confusion and rattle of business; in our manufacturing villages, the clink of the anvil and the buzz of the jenny, are once more heard in all their activity, and all classes are made to rejoice in the superabundant hopes of the agriculturalist. A gracious providence beams benignantly upon us, and its rays are the more refreshing from the night of storms through which we have just passed. It is natural to inquire what effect this state of returning prosperity has upon our charitable and religious associations. Should we have been apprized of it by the amount of thank-offerings brought in by the friends of Zion? In most instances we apprehend not. At the anniversary of this society in April, 1837, in Philadelphia, a resolution was passed, which seemed to win the assent of all, "that in the fluctuation of human affairs, religion should be *first* to participate in our prosperity, and the *last* to experience retrenchment in the day of adversity." During the period of adversity, there were those who gave more than ever, made unwonted sacrifices, for no other reason than this—but they knew others could, or would not do so much, perhaps nothing. This indicated a christian spirit, nor will the Saviour suffer such piety to lose its reward. But on the return of a better day, it might be expected that institutions which have been labouring under great embarrassments, would have been amply relieved, not perhaps by any sudden overflow, but by the offerings of those who are glad promptly to testify their gratitude to the Giver of all. Shall the Saviour say of us as a community, "were there not ten healed, but where are the nine!" We trust not.

The Home Mission Society is happy to acknowledge its obligations to the christian public for the measure of support it has received. With peculiar pleasure is mention made of the benefactions of the churches in Ohio, Western Tennessee, Kentucky, and Mississippi—churches which have not been accustomed to contribute to our funds. (See Treasurer's receipts.) The benefited are becoming benefactors—the blessed, blessings to others. Things are thus beginning to move in the right channel. Still, the society would scarcely be able to make those they now have in the field comfortable, such is the tardiness of the receipts, even were they to turn a deaf ear to all new applications for help.

Another thing should be borne in mind, the commercial distress is first over where

it was first felt—which was in the commercial heart of the country. In the distant west, they *now* feel the pressure sorer than ever; and for this very reason, the churches apply to the society with more affecting earnestness than ever. They see the self-denial of their minister, and having done what they can, they look to this quarter as their last hope. They throw the question on the committee, whether their pastor shall leave; their hopes and expectations be blasted, and with them, sink the labour of years. We apprehend that the value of this institution, *for its own sake*, has been duly appreciated by a few only. Yet it is gratifying to those who have the labouring oar in hand, to know, that they are constantly receiving an accession of public sympathy.

Extract from a letter of a minister in N. Jersey

“I feel deeply interested in the success of your Society, and I do hope it may be efficiently sustained by our denomination. I have no doubt it will be eventually, but it ought now to hold the prominent place in the affections of many who are directing their energies into other channels, which however important they may be, must all suffer sooner or later, if the channel your society has opened is permitted to run dry.”

Extract from a letter of Elder John Peck, agent of the N. Y. Convention, to the Editor of the New-York Baptist Register.

“Before I conclude, I must add a word in regard to the prospect before us. I do not know what success Br. Leonard may meet with at the west, and Br. Smitzer in the centre; but with the most flattering hopes, I am persuaded the liberality of the churches must be more than commonly exhibited to meet the responsibilities incurred by the Board. I do most earnestly entreat that the important claims of the destitute in our land, famishing for the bread of life, may not be lightly estimated, nor the dependence which the dear missionaries labouring among them make on the punctuality of the Board, nor the many churches who look to the Convention to aid them in sustaining the gospel standard. It is truly affecting to hear the pressing invitations which weekly reach the Home Mission rooms, in New-York, for help. Canada, Texas, and Nova Scotia, as well as the great valley, send up their cries, and the heart must be hard indeed that can remain unmoved while listening to their touching requests. Br. Crawford, the Corresponding Secretary of the Am. H. Miss. Society, occupied my attention for nearly half a day in reading to me some of these epistles; this was only a small part, but it required the gathering up of the whole strength of my nerves to hear and not break down. Could our churches all be assembled in one place and listen to these urgent appeals, I am persuaded the Home Mission interest would not be looked at as of inferior moment, but as a charity of commanding importance, and the treasury would not long complain of its afflicting poverty and utter inability to approach even a partial relief of these applicants.

I was truly cheered with the noble spirit exhibited by one brother in Catskill, in quite moderate circumstances. He had pledged himself to support a missionary in the valley, and handed to Br. Willis, the pastor of the church, the quarterly payment of \$25 for this object. The amount was put into my hands to pay over to Br. Martin, the treasurer of this society. Are there not many good brethren at the west who will take pleasure in copying this worthy example? We know there are many in equal circumstances, and they would find a rich compensation in the sacrifice.

THE BAPTISM OF PROFESSOR JEWETT.

This is the third instance of the baptism of Congregational or Presbyterian ministers, within about twelve months, by our missionaries. We bid them a hearty welcome to our ranks, but we here notice the fact principally, as an evidence of the progress of truth. We give an extract from brother Gear's letter, dated Marietta, Ohio, 2d ult.

“BROTHER CRAWFORD,—Dear sir,—You will doubtless recollect that I gave you an account some time since, of the baptism of an elder in a Presbyterian church in this county, and that I then stated that it was not improbable that some others from the same church, might become Baptists. The remarks made at the time, did produce a good deal of uneasiness and inquiry on the subject of baptism, insomuch that the Presbyterian church requested their minister, Professor M. P. Jewett, of Marietta

college, to preach a sermon in answer to the statements I had made on the subject. He put them off, told them to be quiet—it was not a subject of importance, and the best way was to let it alone. Soon, however, an application was made by a member, for a letter of dismission, to join the Baptist churches—and then they demanded the sermon so strongly, as to obtain the promise of it as soon as he could prepare it. But, said he, “I know but little about the subject myself.—I am not prepared to answer the statements you have heard from Mr. Gear. I must examine it.” He did examine it thoroughly, on both sides, and for more than a year, and at last was compelled by the force of truth, contrary to all his inclinations, to become a Baptist. Accordingly, he presented himself to the Baptist church in this place, with a letter of dismission and recommendation from the Congregational church in this town; gave a relation of his christian experience, and change of views on the subject of baptism, and was baptized on the last Sabbath in June, in the presence of a large and solemn assembly.

Professor J., is a graduate of Dartmouth College, and of Andover Theological Seminary, and a licensed preacher. ”

A TOUR IN MISSOURI.

The agent of our Society in Illinois, J. M. Peck, has written us a full account of his journey into Missouri, from which we give some extracts. They will be read with painful interest, though there are some cheering facts. The field is immense, yet it seems, according to the present rate of cultivating it, in some parts the cause is retrograde—that churches are becoming extinct. And all for want of that aid which, it is in the power of more favoured churches to bestow.

Rockspring, Illinois, July 21st, 1838.

Rev. L. Crawford, Cor. Sec. A. B. H. M. Society.

DEAR BROTHER,—Though I reached home from a long tour to Missouri, the Iowa Territory and Illinois, on the fourth of July, I have not found a moment's time from other important business till now, to make my report, and even now, I must snatch time from ordinary sleep to perform that service.

I left home immediately after our association, on Monday May 28th, to attend the meeting of the Central Society in Missouri—passed through the counties of St. Louis, St. Charles, Warren, Montgomery, and Callaway, to Columbia, Boone county, which I reached on Friday morning before breakfast, and before any delegate had arrived. The following facts, gleaned along my route, may be useful.

St. Louis County. Besides the church in St. Louis, of which you are advised, there are the following churches in the county :

1. Feeffe's Creek, the oldest west of the Mississippi, was formed in 1805—acting upon *western* principles of monthly Sabbath meetings—no gospel support for the ministry—no Sabbath school—family prayer much neglected,—and all the other *et ceteras* of the do-nothing system, till within a few years. Myself and others in by-gone years have laboured much in this church to produce reform, which by a slow process, has at last been completely successful. They have a brick meeting-house of respectable size, 15 miles from St. Louis, on the St. Charles road—a Sabbath school—circulate tracts, and the Pioneer, have brother T. P. Green for their pastor, whom they wholly support, and who preaches half the time in the meeting-house, and the other half in adjacent settlements, and they make tolerably liberal contributions for other benevolent purposes—a proof of the immense utility of Home Missions in *old* churches in the west.

The other churches are *Bonhomme*, nearly extinct, but recently revived, by emigrants from Virginia, among whom is an old preacher.

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St. Charles County.—Several small churches formerly existed in this county, but for want of preachers and the gospel, have become nearly extinct. The *Cuiver Association*, once had eight or ten churches of some promise, scattered over St. Charles, Warren, Montgomery, and Lincoln counties, but it is greatly reduced—more than half the churches have become extinct, others have lessened—discipline has been neglected—church members have run into vicious habits, attending horse races, barbecues, and frolics.—But two or three preachers reside in all this region, and quite inefficient. All this, with an ordinary blessing, could have been prevented by timely missionary efforts. Many other associations in western states will share the fate of this, unless attended to by missionary labourers. The region of the *Cuiver Association*

tion is an affecting picture of what many of our churches will come to without help from abroad.

Could our brethren in the old states really know and feel, as I know and feel, the claims upon them for Home Mission efforts, the vast field to be cultivated, and the rich harvest to be gathered, by prompt and efficient labour, they would surely awake up, and bring forward a system of efforts far beyond what they have yet done.

In the Salem Association are some efficient and good men, who for four years have been struggling with others, to shake off the anti-mission incubus upon them.

R. S. Thomas, of Columbia, is a fine scholar, a meek, modest, and laborious man, who preaches to the church in Columbia, and another at Bon Fenne, and exerts a happy influence, and carries it in a right direction. He is Corresponding Secretary of the Central Society, and is now engaged as a professor of languages in the college at Columbia. He ought to be entirely devoted to the ministry, yet in his present condition he does much good service.

TWO TOURS—A CATHOLIC THE TOOL OF INFIDELITY—A HEAVY TRIAL.

'From an ex-missionary, Morgan County, Illinois.

"I have taken two tours into Calhoun county, where there has been but very little preaching, and in some parts none at all. I found several backsliders, who, when an invitation was given for the anxious, came forward for prayers, that they might have the joys of God's salvation restored to them.

Having an appointment on Lord's day in G——, the county-seat, one of the ring-leaders among the wicked, hired a Roman Catholic to go with his family into the court-house, and keep the preacher and his gang out of the house. Whereupon he procured two guns, and kept them well loaded, swearing by his Maker that he would shoot the first preacher that darkened the door. Being apprized of these movements, we met in the suburbs of the town, under the beautiful shade of an elm, and there we blew the silver trumpet of the gospel, to a crowd of attentive hearers. They solicited me to come again, to which I consented, and hope to attend frequently.

I have a heavy trial on my hands. I had eleven acres of wheat to harvest. I tried to get help, and found two men who would come for money in hand, but this was out of my reach; therefore could get no help. I therefore went to the field myself, an old man of *seventy-three*, to rake together the grain, and a little boy of sixteen to bind it, but my wounded foot soon failed me, and I was very lame several days, and could get no rest at night." A hard case this. When the society could help him, he did nothing but ride and preach from four to ten times per week.

A REJECTED APPLICANT.

In answer to an inquiry, what had become of a worthy brother in the north of Ohio, (originally from Vermont) for whom help had been solicited some time since, we received the following reply. "Brother R. J. S——is living in this county—has laboured mostly of late for the Presbyterians—has baptized fifteen or twenty into their churches." It is to be hoped that he will spread light and do good among these churches, yet it seems to us very painful, if not wrong, that our own destitute churches, very many of which there are in that part of Ohio, should lose the labours of a man whom the Lord had given them. Yet so it is. Our churches lose a minister; he is not lost to the world, but we lose him. Is it said that he ought to go on, and preach to the scattered sheep and lambs in the wilderness, and trust providence for things to eat, drink and to wear? We ask, why not the objector trust providence, and give a part, not all, of his income to help a poor brother to support his burdens? If there be a blessing in such a trust, why let one brother monopolize it; or if there be a present sacrifice, why throw it all on him? All men should trust in providence. Having done what God has commanded, there our responsibility ends. If we cannot do that thing "which is the least," viz. add one cubit to our stature, why distress our-

selves about "the rest." The doctrine of a special providence is a source of great comfort to ministers, especially when they have a necessitous family, and no earthly provision made for them. But ministers should not be exhorted to *presumption*. We have a striking illustration of the comfort and efficacy of *this* kind of trust in the case below. The writer of the letter from which we make the extract, is a missionary also in the north of Ohio, once the pastor of a church in Massachusetts.

"It is true, a little more would entirely remove the debt, [from the meeting house.] But, dear brother, I have already gone beyond my means. My present situation stands thus: Last May I was sued (for the first time in my life) for the sum of \$133 33; and the execution will be out the first day of August. But the only dollar that I shall be able to raise to meet this sum is, the fifty dollars that I expect from your society. From whence the remainder will come I know not. As regards my salary, which I have received in this place, since I commenced my labours here [more than six months] it is as follows: in cash, \$10 50; in provisions, one bushel of wheat. As I am trying to cultivate a little piece of land, I have received in labour and otherwise, about \$15. Do you ask what I live on? In reply I would say, I have a little unfinished house of my own, which I have built thus far with my own hands, with the exception of a few days work, which work I have agreed to pay for by cutting wood by the cord. For all provisions I am compelled to run in debt."

Such facts need no comment. They speak for themselves; they tell the churches that they have a duty to discharge both to their brethren in the ministry, and also to the cause of Christ.

FROM FLORIDA.

Our missionary, O. T. Hammond, near Tallahassee, has more than realized his most sanguine expectations. True, there have not been many, if any conversions, yet the general attendance is gratifying. He preaches in two places, congregations large, embracing the most intelligent part of the community, and the places crowded. In one place, they are building a new house; in the other, enlarging the old one.

In the opinion of Brother Hammond, Florida is more destitute of evangelical privileges than any other part of the United States or of her territories. He knows of but one minister in all the territory who would be considered a faithful and devoted pastor at the north!! He is the Presbyterian minister at Tallahassee. The Baptists are by far the most numerous denomination in Florida; most of whom for want of information, are afraid of active effort in their Master's service. Here seems to be a field open to christian enterprise, that should not be suffered to lie so nearly unoccupied.

THE CATHOLIC QUESTION.

The movements of the Roman Catholics in this country, their strength, designs and prospects, have elicited much thought and feeling for a few years past. At present there is in the minds of some, an apprehension that a false alarm has been given; that the dangers to which we were exposed were greatly magnified, and that too, for private and selfish ends. As Home Missions have ever stood connected with this subject, we beg leave to offer a few reflections. In the first place, it is quite possible there may have been too much *panic* on this subject. We are a Protestant people, and have, until lately, known Catholics only at a distance, and through history. All at once, apparently, it was discovered that they were coming to our shores by hundreds of thousands—that their priests were coursing through our land, erecting churches, establishing nunneries, schools and colleges, and making efforts worthy of a better cause, to proselyte our citizens. We learned from foreign journals and travelers, what were their plans, resources and expectations, in respect to this country; we also heard their boasts of certain victory. In these circumstances, it is not surprising that the public mind should be greatly excited, or that the cause of danger should be magnified. Nor would it be surprising if some men, discovering this state of feeling, should avail themselves of the opportunity afforded them to profit by the publication of frightful, perhaps fictitious accounts. But in the second place, all this does not prove that there was no real danger to our civil and religious liberties.—Nor does it prove men either unwise or wicked if all they apprehended has not been realized. This very excitement of which complaint is made, this *panic*, if you please, may have prevented the result feared. The Catholics have not succeeded

as they expected, nor as we feared they would, as will be seen by the following statement, taken from the *Pioneer* of Illinois :

"An impression has gone abroad that Roman Catholic priests are successful in making proselytes from the Protestant to the Catholic faith. This cannot be the case to any alarming extent.

"That persons, especially females, making no pretensions to religion, otherwise than being born and educated in a protestant country, without any religious training, have become Catholics from the officious intercourse of priests, or other social influence of Catholic ladies, and that young girls at nunnery and boarding schools have been seduced to the fascinating forms of Catholic worship, to some extent, is undoubtedly true. And a very few instances of persons who had previously professed religion in some Protestant denomination, of peculiar mental tendencies, have become bigoted Catholics. A few conversions were made during the prevalence of the cholera in St. Louis and St. Charles in 1832 and '33, after collapse and insensibility had occurred, by the performance of Catholic ceremonies on the part of the priests. But all their modes of conversion, probably, do not equal the conversions and professions of evangelical religion from Roman Catholics. We know of more than fifty such conversions in one small district of country in Missouri, more than half of whom united with Baptist churches, and one is now a Baptist minister and Home missionary. Conversions from Catholics are so common as to excite no surprise amongst Baptists or Methodists, and they are hardly ever mentioned in distinction from other cases.

"The increase of Catholics in the Great Valley is to be attributed wholly to emigration from Europe, and even such emigrants stand a far better chance to become *liberalized* than if they remained in their native countries."

Now what shall we infer from all this ; that those who sounded the trump of alarm were either mistaken on the subject, or, by design, attempted to impose upon the public ? Or, may we not rather suppose that God has blessed the efforts, and heard the prayers of his people to avert the anticipated calamity ! We will allow the Catholics, through one of their bishops, to give the reason of their disappointment and slow progress. It is a part of his report to the archbishop of Vienna. The remarks were made with special reference to Ohio.

"This State has now above a million of inhabitants, among whom are numerous Germans, both Catholics and Protestants, and by daily emigration their numbers are every year fast increasing. The numberless sectaries of the innumerable various sects select the landing-places for their churches. Our Catholic brethren are thus, on their first stepping foot upon the soil of Ohio, fallen upon by these wolves, who harass and tease them with the usual arguments of error, and with flattering friendship tempt them to deny their divine faith. Protestant emissaries also traverse every corner of the land, scattering lying stories of every kind against Catholics and their holy institutions. Besides this, the Lutherans and Calvinists have many well endowed seminaries, and what is still worse, innumerable free schools, in which the youth of both sexes have put into their hands tracts on politics, religion, history, etc., whereby their tender minds are prejudiced against the Catholics, so that the scarcely lisping child learns excellently well his whole religion, which consists in this : that Catholics are men who must be hated and persecuted. In this city alone, this year, were erected twenty-five colossal buildings (called *free schools*,) in which gratuitous instruction is given. It was a capital plan for Protestants, but oppressive to Catholics. The former place their last hope for the spread of their error in the education of youth, which is doubtless a well founded principle, and in the not altogether mistaken hope, that the poorer Catholics, of whom there are so many here, will send their children to these free schools. Then would they triumph over these innocent little ones !

Many tears have I wept, and passed many sleepless nights, devising means to counteract this palpable evil."

Well then, had it not have been for the Protestant emissaries, that is, the missionaries of the Presbyterian, the Methodist, the Episcopal and the Baptist Home Mission societies ; had it not have been for the activity of private christians in meeting the emigrant as he landed on our shores with the Bible in their hand ; and had it not have been for the free school system, that "palpable evil," our worst fears might have been realized ! Let us not say, then, that there was no need of the effort, but thank God that he has blessed our efforts to such a gratifying extent.

There is great danger now lest a part of the community should lapse into indifference on this subject, or rather join their influence with the Catholics. Extremes follow each other. Having been, as is supposed, too much excited, there is danger that

excitement and *principles* together should be abandoned. Two or three things should be remembered. First, it has not been ascertained that the Protestant community were in the least mistaken in regard to the *plans* and *designs* of the Romanists upon this country. Second, Romanism remaining the same as in past ages, the evils that would fall upon us in the event of their success, have never been exaggerated.—Third, though they have been retarded, and have met with unexpected hindrances, especially in the vigilance that has been awakened, they have not abandoned, nor in the least swerved from their original purpose. They are still animated with hope. The following paragraph from the “Truth Teller,” a Catholic paper published in this city (July 14, 1838) is worthy of a place here, as illustrative of our remarks. It seems that *five* converts had been received into a Catholic church in Brooklyn, whereupon it is said :

“They have joined that Church to which the Redeemer promised *infallibility*, and sealed his promise with his blood—that Church, which has stood the waste of time and the wreck of empires mid the stormy revolutions of nineteen centuries—a stupendous monument of Divine power and a miraculous fulfilment of the divine promise, that the “Gates of hell should not prevail against her.”

“It cannot but be gratifying to the Catholic, to see the religion for which he has to suffer so much, progress with such steady step, and to behold the marked triumph of Catholic Missionary zeal in the teeming vineyard of our youthful, but onward Republic. Though sectarian virulence has expended its strength, and wasted all its *inventive* energies in the insatuated effort to pull down that which God hath built up—though intolerance has aimed at it the last envenomed arrow in her quiver, yet have we the happiness to see our holy religion baffling the power of its adversaries, overleaping all obstacles, fast rising to strength and influence, spreading itself over the surface of our beloved country, penetrating the heart of the forest, and evangelizing the untutored breast of the wild inhabitant.

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“Yes, though assailed on every side, and by every species of weapon, she lifts her venerable head above the skies, her *native* home. We hail with joy these fresh accessions to our Catholic ranks.

“If we can judge of the future from the past, we would assert with confidence that the day is not distant, when Catholicity will claim the same reverence in this, as it does at the other side of the Atlantic—when people will not feel ashamed to profess it, because of the strange and unnatural portraits given to it by its enemies, and the hard names and offensive epithets dealt out to its followers.

“The day will assuredly come, when the religion of a Wallace, a Bruce, a Moore, and a Fenelon, will be respected in America.”

Are we to look upon this merely as a kind of

“Whistling aloud to keep their spirits up,”

or, is it a candid avowal of their expectations? The latter doubtless; and we should be apprized of it. But suppose there is no danger, should Protestants feel indifferent to the spiritual welfare of so large a body of men as they are, thrown in upon our shores by the providence of God. We are constrained to regard them as without evangelical hope, and without God in the world. If we think it expedient to send missionaries to Catholic countries, should we neglect them when they are brought to our doors? We have no doubt the priests find it difficult to keep their deluded subjects under a total eclipse of ignorance in this country. This will be more difficult in regard to their children; and by faithful and prayerful efforts, we doubt not that that unhappy communion may be emancipated into the liberty of the true sons of God.

INTELLIGENCE.

A Baptist State Convention was formed on the 30th March, in Arkansas, a copy of whose constitution and minutes we have received. Benjamin Clark, Moderator; David Orr, Cor. Secretary. They employ one missionary, Br. William B. Karr, and an agent, Br. B. Clark, for three months. This may seem small, but it is vastly more than the N. York Convention did the first year of their organization. Nearly all the ministers present on the occasion are now or have been missionaries of the American B. H. M. Society.

UPPER CANADA DEPUTATION.

The Upper Canada Baptist Missionary Society have deputed two of their number brethren Wm. Rees, of Brantford, and James Johnson, of Drummondville, to go to Great Britain for the purpose of representing the situation of their province to their transatlantic brethren, and to solicit their sympathy and aid. They both came to this city, but the latter brother, for want of pecuniary means, was compelled to return.— It was hoped that the Am. Baptist H. Mission Society would supply this desideratum; but this was deemed by the Executive Committee a diversion of the funds committed to their trust. In consequence of which, they passed the following resolution:

Resolved, That our beloved brother, the Rev. Charles G. Sommers, a member of this committee from the first organization of the Society, who has intimated his desire to visit Great Britain, be affectionately and earnestly requested to associate himself with the deputation, as a representative of the American Baptist Home Mission Society, for the purpose of promoting the interests of pure and undefiled religion, and of advancing the kingdom of our blessed Lord and Saviour in the British dependencies in North America."

The personal friends of Br. S. generously advanced all that was requisite for travelling expenses. He sailed in the Shakespeare on the 25th ult. and expects to be absent about three months.

It is one great object with the deputation to procure a sufficient amount of funds that the brethren in U. C. may avail themselves of the offer of a liberal donation from J. Beam, Esq., towards establishing a Literary and Theological Institution.

TREASURER'S RECEIPTS.

The Treasurer of the American Baptist Home Mission Society acknowledges the receipt of the following sums since last Quarterly Paper.

Illinois State Convention, pr J. M. Peck	\$52 50	Jas. Wilson, Baltimore, pr L. Crawford	\$30 00
Churches of Pieguh, Big Lick, and Union of Missouri, per do	100 00	Mrs. Wilson, do do	20 00
Collections in South Carolina, pr J. M. Timmins	160 00	Miss E. M. Wilson do do	20 00
Youths' Domestic Mission Soc. of New-York, per G. C. Germond, Treasurer	30 00	J. M. Slaughter do do	10 00
Collect's in N. Jersey, pr J. C. Murphy	40 00	Collections in Rhode Island, by O. Briggs, agent	0 00
Robert Edwards, New-York	15 00	Benjamin Halsted, New-York	7 20
J. M. Timmins, South Carolina	20 00	A Friend in New-Brunswick, New-Jersey, per L. Crawford	20
Collect's in Tennessee, pr R. P. Daniel	178 00	Collections in Pennsylvania, per O. Briggs, agent	170 00
Ezekiel Archer, per L. Crawford	2 00	Collections in New-Hampshire, by S. Cooke, Agent	100 00
Collect's in Dist. of Columbia, per do	16 00	Donation from T. R. of Philadelphia	7 00
Do Virginia, do	85 62	John Logan, of Illinois, donation to constitute himself a Life Member	40 50
Do Maryland, do	5 00	Mrs. Blanchard, through the Youths' Dom. Mission Society, Brooklyn	3 00
Coll. in N. Carolina, pr H. A. Wilcox	110 00	Collections by R. T. Daniel, agent in Tennessee, Kentucky, and Miss.	206 10
Do in Rhode Island, per O. Briggs	75 00	Do by R. Winchell, agent in Ohio, Oliver-st. Fem. Home Miss. Society, N. Y. by Mrs. H. W. Cauldwall, Tr.	443 22
Young Men's Domestic Mission Society of Brooklyn, per L. Crawford,	8 00	J. J. Ashley, Catskill, New-York	100 00
Connecticut State Convention, per Rev. J. C. Murphy	175 00		25 00
Female Baptist Mission Soc. George's Creek, Fayette Co. Penn. pr Mrs. Davenport	70 00	The following sums are specially designated by the donors to the expenses of the representative to England.	
H. A. Wilcox, N. C. to constitute himself a life member	30 00	W. & R. Kelley	100 00
Coll. in N. Carolina, per H. A. Wilcox	5 50	D. Howe	100 00
New-York State Convention, per John Peck, Agent	700 00	W. Sharp	25 00
Col. A. James, Treas. of the Georgia Bapt. Convention, per W. H. Turpin	46 00	W. Tracy	140 00
A Western Female, by C. Wyckoff, Scunnett, New-York	7 00	T. Underwood	10 00
Members of the Bapt. Church in North Yarmouth, by W. R. Stockbridge	26 80	N. Caswell	25 00
Ezekiel Archer, New-York, per L. Crawford	5 00	W. Rutherford	3 00
Collect's in N. Jersey, pr J. C. Murphy	35 00	J. Speir	25 00

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QUARTERLY PAPER.

AMERICAN BAPTIST

HOME MISSION SOCIETY.

OUR GOSPEL CAME NOT UNTO YOU IN WORD ONLY, BUT ALSO IN POWER, AND IN THE HOLY GHOST, AND IN MUCH ASSURANCE—SO THAT YE WERE ENSAMPLES TO ALL THAT BELIEVE. FOR FROM YOU SOUNDED OUT THE WORD OF THE LORD, NOT ONLY IN MACEDONIA AND ACHAIA, BUT ALSO IN EVERY PLACE YOUR FAITH TO GOD-WARD IS SPREAD ABROAD.

PAUL to the Thessalonians.

HEREIN IS MY FATHER GLORIFIED, THAT YE BEAR MUCH FRUIT, SO SHALL YE BE MY DISCIPLES.—JESUS CHRIST.

No. IV. Mission Rooms, 118 Nassau-street, New-York. November, 1838.

THE IMPORTANCE OF HOME MISSIONS.

The following judicious remarks are taken from the official report of Rev. Wm. B. Johnson, D. D., of South Carolina, to his constituents, on his return from the anniversaries in this city the last spring. Though the members of our Executive Committee are deeply engaged in all the various objects of benevolence, they agree, perhaps without a dissenting voice, in giving Home Missions the same prominence as in the article below.

“The anniversary of the American Baptist Home Mission Society succeeded that of the Convention. The report of the Executive Committee of this society disclosed a wide field of Home operations, in which the labourers have been greatly blessed, especially in the valley of the Mississippi. But the funds of this body are also exhausted, and its executive committee anxiously turn to their brethren throughout the length and breadth of the land, asking what they shall do. My brethren, if there be one of our general efforts more important than another, the effort of the Home Mission Society is that effort. The Foreign Mission scheme seems to be invested with more splendor, because of the remoteness of the region in which it operates, and because too, of the extraordinary circumstances of suffering and success which attended the first missionaries there. But if the Home Mission have less of splendor about it to attract our attention, may there not be considerations of duty more impressive, in relation to it, and matters of personal interest more binding upon us, to engage our prayers and our beneficence for its advancement. Those who are within the scope of home operations are our fathers and mothers, our brothers and sisters, our sons and our daughters, our friends and our neighbours, our immediate kindred in all its endearing relations.

“Especially is this true of those who remove to the Valley of the Mississippi. Their claims are therefore of a peculiar character. If those who will not provide for their own household, in a temporal point of view, have denied the faith and are worse than infidels, what shall be said of those who will not provide for such in a spiritual point of view. Should we not feel for the peculiar temptations of the settlers of new lands? Forsaking the land of their fathers, they bid adieu to the institutions of morality and religion, which are the stay of that land.

“Without these props, and all their energies put into requisition for making money, the danger to their immortal interests is imminent and alarming. How important is it then, that the older states should furnish the men and the means to transplant among these adventurers the institutions of morality and religion, that a decided moral and religious cast may be given to the rising energies of their continually swelling numbers. The importance of such a cast, in a political point of view, is worthy of serious consideration, since in a few years it is not improbable that the preponderance

in the councils of the nation will be found in the delegation from the west. And finally, let it be considered that when that vast region shall be brought under the influence of the gospel, its wealth will flow into the Foreign Mission fund, by means of which the Convention, the twin sister of the American Baptist Home Mission Society, will be the more successfully able to carry on her mighty operations for the distant heathen."

IOWA TERRITORY—CHURCH CONSTITUTED—GRATIFYING TESTIMONY.

Since this distant portion of our country was constituted a separate territory, in July last, the tide of western emigration seems to have turned into it with unparalleled velocity. It is a most inviting country, especially for those who remove from the higher latitudes of the older states. The committee regard it a matter of unspeakable moment that the sheep of Christ's fold, who may scatter into this wilderness, should early be gathered into churches, and that the standard of the cross should be erected in every rising village and settlement. *Three* missionaries they have already in that field, or on their way there, and a *fourth* will divide his time between this territory and Missouri.

The following interesting extracts are from a letter of Brother Alexander Evans, under date of 4th inst. Burlington, I. T.

"In company with Brother Broaddus, a young minister from St. Francisville, Mo. (also a missionary,) I constituted a church in a village called Rochester, at the Big Bend of the Des Moines river, consisting of thirteen members—all from New-Hampshire. They were constituted upon the declaration of faith of the New-Hampshire Baptist State Convention, 1st July.

"Having just returned from the Iowa river, I would just remark that there is a considerable prospect of a revival. The settlement is small, but many sinners wept bitterly in view of their sins.

"The Baptist cause in this Territory is still rising. *All the good done, at least in this part of the Territory, has been done through the Committee of the Home Mission Society.* Should you withdraw your aid, you would surely dash from our lips the cup of hope."

May the churches enable the Committee to increase their efforts a hundred fold!

VILLAGE PREACHING BLESSED.

"You will recollect," says J. L. Richmond, missionary at Conneaut, a beautiful and thriving village on Lake Erie, in Ohio, "that when I came here one year ago the last April, there were but one Baptist brother and two sisters in this village,—the church, numbering about *forty-five* communicants, being scattered from one to four miles out of the village. Now, blessed be God, our number is eighty-five, having been almost doubled during the last year! The Lord has graciously revived his work in the village, and I have had the pleasure of baptizing seventeen, (several of whom were Pedobaptists,) and of receiving twenty-five more by letter, experience, and restoration. We expect more to come forward the next Sabbath. Indeed, scarcely a covenant meeting has passed for months, without additions. We ascribe all the glory to God, and can say, 'it is his work, and marvellous in our eyes.' We are very much strengthened and encouraged. Our house of worship (the chapel of the Academy) is now too small for us, and we think it time for us to arise, and build a house for our God."

The Baptist church at Kingsvillo, seven miles from Conneaut, have received forty by baptism; and the church at Springfield, five miles distant, have received above thirty in the same way. It is a matter of the highest importance that a religious influence should be secured in all our villages. Each village is to its surrounding country what the great metropolis is to the whole country, the seat of moral influences good or bad—the *heart* of the moral system. There can be but little health in the bod, without health at the heart. Such is the comparative importance of purifying our cities and villages.

A HIGH PLACE OF INFIDELITY ENTERED.

"At present I am engaged," says Brother E. Crane, "to preach at Shalersville, a very pleasant village [in Portage county, northern part of Ohio.] There is no Baptist church here, but there are several very pious and intelligent Baptist professors. Shalersville is known in this region as the head quarters of infidelity. Paine's birth-day was celebrated in this place the last year. I now preach in the same house where their leaders delivered their harangues. It is a large building, erected for town purposes. Hitherto my congregations have been large and attentive. Some of the citizens are trying to have me labour with them through the approaching winter."

May the hands and feet, and *neck* of Dagon here be broken before the ark of the Covenant of the God of Israel!

WESTERN VIRGINIA.

The regions among and over the mountains in Virginia are said to exhibit an affecting destitution of religious culture. The Board of the General Association of that state have partially explored that field, and are beginning to bend a portion of their energies accordingly. In some parts, it is said that men in middle life have never had an opportunity to hear a Baptist preacher. It should not be so in the *Old Dominion*. An extract from the report of our missionary, D. Holder, will be read with interest.

"Since that time (27th June) I have been almost constantly travelling and preaching. I have supplied four churches in Lewis county, and once a month have preached in the lower edge of Brackston. I have travelled one thousand and ninety-one miles; preached forty-eight sermons; constituted four monthly concerts for prayer; visited the sick; baptized three willing subjects, and received one more for that ordinance.

"One of the above churches was entirely destitute of any regular preaching. They were like sheep scattered over the mountains without a shepherd. A dear old coloured brother (one of the precious of the earth) at the information of my arrival, exclaimed, "Glory to God for seeing and hearing a Baptist preacher once more!" At that place my labour has not been in vain. I had spent but few Sabbaths there, before the congregations became crowded, solemn and attentive. There is a pleasing prospect before us."

A SCENE IN MISSOURI.

Some three or four years ago, two brethren, one of them a Bible agent, and formerly from western New-York, the other a native of that country, had arranged the preliminaries for holding a series of meetings with a small church in one of the new settlements of Missouri. The place being distant, and they remote from each other, it was agreed that they should meet at Potosi, and thence proceed in company. At the time appointed, D. the agent, was at the place, but found not his anticipated fellow-labourer. One anxious hour passed away, and another still more anxious followed, when he was about to give up all hope, and return. For to proceed alone, he could not. It was midsummer, and his physical abilities, unaided, were inadequate to sustain the continuous exercises of the appointment. Besides, the road, to which he was a stranger, was nothing but a foot-path, now leading across the grassy prairie, and now through the deep run or forest, and indicated by the spotted trees, and often intersected by other paths. At this juncture, T. made his appearance. "I can't go," said he, and the tears started full in his eyes, "three days have I spent trying to procure some kind of provision to leave with my family, but cannot get *even a peck of meal*. My wife said 'Go, the Lord will provide.' But when I could not consent to leave her with our little ones utterly destitute, she urged me to go and explain to you the reason of our disappointment; and for that purpose, am I come." "Stay, my brother," said D. "and I will see what can be done for you." He soon found a brother who relieved their anxiety, by the promise to send an immediate supply; and on they proceeded to meet their engagements. For six weeks they continued to travel from place to place, and to preach the everlasting gospel in the wilds of Missouri. Much good seed of the kingdom was sown, and some visible fruit they were permitted even then to see.

For the last two or three years, this servant of Jesus has received a small pittance from the Home Mission Society. And who would not rejoice to contribute to the necessities of such a family ; to give not only a few crumbs, but divide the loaf with that wife and mother, who in the face of destitution and threatening hunger, had the piety and christian magnanimity to say to her husband, "Go on your Master's business ; leave me alone ; go, preach the blessed gospel to the perishing here in the wilderness." And can the Lord forget to reward the cup of cold water even, bestowed on a disciple in such circumstances ? Many a reward of this kind will doubtless be conferred by the "righteous Judge" upon those who have made this society their almoner in *that* day.

PREACHING BY PROXY.

A member of the church in Catskill, in this state, has given his voluntary pledge to this society for one hundred dollars per annum, payable in quarterly instalments, for the support of one of its missionaries—the society giving to many no more than that sum. This brother, as we have been informed, once indulged serious thoughts of devoting himself to the ministry, but providence placing him in other circumstances, he desires, so far as practicable, to compensate for personal services, by appropriating so much from the avails of his labour as will keep another in the gospel field.

A gentleman in Buffalo has just sent us his name and pledge, accompanied with the first instalment, for the same purpose.

Are there not many brethren and many sisters in the land who have it in their power to present such offerings ? And would they not be a sacrifice of sweet-smelling savour, acceptable unto God ?

Should one brother be unable to bear so much expense alone, let him join with a second, or third, or with many, that is, form a society, and unitedly accomplish so desirable an end.

We do not mention the above as something altogether new in the history of our society. We have from time to time been cheered by a few such worthy examples, but we could wish the number greatly multiplied. Nor do we mean to imply that others have not given as great or greater annual subscriptions ; this we most gratefully acknowledge.

P. S. Since writing the above, a young man, a member of the newly constituted church in Broome-street in this city, has furnished us with his name as one to support a missionary.

TENNESSEE.

The Rev. R. T. Daniel, missionary agent in the Western District, writes us :—"I have just returned from the southern counties in this district and Mississippi, and am happy to say that I have not witnessed such general revivals since I came to this state [from Va.] Hundreds have lately been converted to the christian faith. The excitement is almost general, and is rapidly increasing. All we want at present, under God, is warm-hearted and pious ministers. * * *

"Levi L. Roberts, brother to the missionary in China, has baptized more than two hundred on the borders of Mississippi. He is doing much good, and an appointment is solicited for him as a missionary."

FLORIDA.

The Rev. O. T. Hammond writes us from Tallahassee, Sept. 4.—"I am now the only preacher in the city—the Presbyterian clergyman being ill, and the Episcopal lost in the Pulaski. I do the marrying and preaching—visit the sick, and bury the dead. I find it most too much for me in this warm climate, funerals almost every day in the region. Still we are in good health."

From a subsequent letter, we learn that there is a number of Baptists in Tallahassee who think of being constituted into a church. Our brethren having no meeting-house in town, as a matter of accommodation to all, our missionary has occupied the Presbyterian pulpit a part of the time.

DELAWARE.

We have received encouraging accounts from brethren Denison and Thompson, missionaries in this state. But the Baptist cause as a whole is lamentably low, owing doubtless to the peculiarity of their sentiments as christians. We regret to learn that in some places *Baptist* preachers and members have identified themselves with the opposition to the Temperance reform.

THE PEOPLE MUST BE INSTRUCTED.

The following very judicious and timely remarks are from the pen of a missionary in Marion county, Ill. There are many who seem to imagine that if men are only *converted*, little or nothing more needs to be done for them. But such is evidently a mistaken and unscriptural view of the subject. One great object of the ministry is to edify the *church*, which is the body of Christ. The edification of the church is perhaps as important a work as the conversion of sinners ! And that preacher can hardly be considered a *workman* that needeth not to be ashamed, who cannot *teach* and *instruct*, as well as pray and exhort.

“ We have great opposition to contend with. There are two or three anti-effort churches in this county—and so deep and inveterate is their enmity to the missionary proceedings, that I reckon nothing will ever change them ; their enmity grows out of ignorance on that subject.

“ There are a great many people, especially mothers, probably one-fourth of the mothers in this county, who cannot read the Bible and Testament. Of this cast, or nearly so, are many Baptist preachers in the west—some of them in this county ; and most generally they, with their churches, have embraced the paralyzing doctrine of ‘ Parkerism.’ It is not for the want of grace, but for the want of intelligence. They are, and ever will be inaccessible, except through the medium of knowledge. Therefore books, tracts, pamphlets, periodicals and newspapers are now, and ever will, as long as society is such as it is now, be a great means in blessing the people of our county ; and this county is a miniature portrait for the west.

“ It is true that there has been much done by missionary efforts for our country, and that too, often where the people are comparatively ignorant, owing to the great simplicity of the gospel of Christ. But my own observation on the nature of things is, that unless they, after conversion, can be brought under the influence of a ministry, at least tolerably informed, they in the general fall victims to some prostrating theory, ‘ Parkerism’ for instance, and very often yield to some temptation, the use of liquor it may be, and do not wield that influence to advance the Redeemer’s kingdom that they ought.

“ There has been much done in our country too, by missionary men, against the cause of missions. Indiscretion in the missionary may do much to injure the cause. Vanity, pride, bigotry, or avarice are great stumbling blocks in the way of many, even christians ; therefore we may expect the cause of missions to advance in proportion to the aptitude of the men and means employed, and the advancing intelligence of the people. There are fewer men qualified for missionaries in the west than half the Baptists in the east suppose. The evangelist can do much in our country in visiting from house to house. Itinerating fruits are almost always seen to be isolated, and not calculated to effect any thing further than to individuals or families. In co-operation with the evangelist and his companions, books, tracts, &c. the permanent impression must be made, if ever made in the west, by a settled, pious and intelligent ministry. There are villages, towns, and cities springing up everywhere around us ; and from the very nature of things, so long as they are unoccupied, they, together with the country around them, will show us cold and indifferent churches, in whose affections the world will have the ascendancy, from whose bosom a strong and rising population will emanate to walk the downward road. Then, in common with others here who have seen and felt these things, I raise the Macedonian cry, “ Come and help us.”

*Extract of a Letter from a Foreign Missionary.**Siamese Brig ARREL, from Siam, bound to
Singapore, May 17th, 1838.*

DEAR BROTHER,—Your note of Aug. 17th, 1837, accompanied by the Annual Report of the Baptist Home Mission Society, have been received. The report was gratifying to me, as affording evidence that the departure of missionaries to the heathen does not by any means diminish the amount of effort made to extend and perpetuate the influence of christianity in my native land.

I love the cause of missions, wherever carried on, when they aim to make the name and character of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ known and loved through all the earth. Any efforts directed to *this object*, whatever designation they may pass under, are pleasing to Him whom it should be the great object of all to please, and must be gratifying to all who sincerely pray—"Thy kingdom come ; thy will be done."

With kind regards, though in much haste,

Yours truly,

To Rev. L. CRAWFORD.

J. T. JONES.

SICKNESS IN THE WEST.

The past season has been memorable in most parts of the west for its sickness and mortality. The old inhabitant and the newly arrived have been alike unspared. And what has added much to the aggravation of their distress, it has frequently been impossible for them to procure those comforts, and that medical skill, which is only to be found in older communities. In some places, the ordinary avocations of the people have been nearly suspended, and the well have been scarcely enough to attend to the sick, and bear the dead to their graves. Our missionaries have shared in this cup of affliction. Some have lost their companions—others their children, and some, as we shall see below, have lost their own lives. This state of things has been unfavourable to the missionary work. Congregations have been necessarily diminished. But it is to be hoped that all these things will serve to wean the people from the world, and turn their thoughts to that better country where the inhabitant shall no more say, I am sick.

DEATH OF MISSIONARIES.

Rock Spring, Illinois, Oct. 12, 1838.

BR. CRAWFORD,—Though I am still too weak to leave my house, having been suffering under a severe stomach and bowel complaint for some days, I make an attempt once more to address you. Since my illness, *two* of our beloved and most useful missionaries have fallen in the field of labour.

Old Father Spencer died at Jacksonville about four weeks since, after a severe illness of but few days. He fell like a shock of corn fully ripe, in the full exercise of his reason, and triumph of faith, aged 70 years.

Brother Alexander Ridler died at Chilicothe, Peoria county, on the 7th of this month. He was attacked with the fever in July, partially recovered, got a relapse, and wore away gradually—perfectly rational, and perfectly resigned and happy. He has left a helpless widow and five young children, in the most destitute circumstances imaginable. Our Convention, I suppose, is now in session, but I am afraid little can be done.

As ever, yours,

J. M. PECK.

MORE THAN A THOUSAND BAPTIZED.

The Lord has greatly blessed the labours of the New-York State Convention the past year. Their missionaries have baptized one thousand and four believers in Jesus. Some five hundred more have been hopefully converted under their labours ; some of whom have received the ordinance at other hands ; some have united with other denominations, and others still tarry.

ENCOURAGING SUCCESS 'IN NEW-JERSEY'.

At the late session of the New-Jersey Convention, it was stated in the Report of the Board, that since their organization eight years ago, the number of their churches had increased more than one third, and the number of their communicants had doubled, having risen from four thousand to eight thousand! What hath God wrought! The number baptized in their missionary fields the last year is two hundred and forty.

FROM MASSACHUSETTS.

The Rev. C. O. Kimball, Secretary of the Convention, writes us under recent date,—“The prospects in this state upon the subject of Home Missions are exceedingly good, so far as respects the onward progress of our plans and operations, but it remains hard to collect money.” As God is now blessing all branches of labour, we hope the latter difficulty will soon be obviated.

ITEMS OF INTELLIGENCE.

BAPTISTS IN WISCONSIN.—A Convention was held on the fifth of October, at Milwaukie, for the purpose of organizing an association. Seven churches were represented. Two ministers only, the Rev. Messrs. Pierce and Griffing were present, and this we presume to have been the whole number then in the Territory! They formed a Missionary Board, consisting of laymen. This indicates a spirit which will cause them to live and prosper.

REPORTS OF BAPTIST CONVENTIONS.—We have received the printed Reports of the following Conventions for 1838, viz: Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, Ohio, Michigan, Virginia (General Association,) Mississippi, Arkansas.

MINUTES OF ASSOCIATIONS.—We have received the following for 1838, viz: the York, Me.; the Boston, Mass.; the Warren, R. I.; the Hartford, the New-Haven, and the Fairfield county, Conn.; the Hudson River, the New-York, the Madison, the Union, and the Cayuga, N. Y.; the Warwick, N. J.; the Chowan, N. C.; the Grand River, O.; the Raisin River, Mich.; the Edwardsville, Ill.; the Franklin and the Central, Mo.

A large number of these Conventions and Associations, and others whose minutes have not yet reached us, but from which we have heard through the public journals, have passed strong and decided resolutions in favour of Home Missions, and call upon their members to put forth their efforts in proportion to the greatness of the cause. Such resolutions are cheering to us amidst the toils and anxieties necessarily attendant on conducting the affairs of so large an institution.

Life Directors, by the payment of one hundred dollars, since our last.

Thomas T. Devan, M. D. New-York city.

Rev. Daniel Eldridge, Utica, by his church, through the New-York Convention.

Stuart Mollan Taytor, New-York city, by John R. Ludlow, Esq.

Life Members, by the payment of thirty dollars.

Rev. J. G. Naylor, by Middle-street Baptist church in Portsmouth, N. H.

Rev. Benjamin Brierly, by Baptist church, Sommersworth, N. H.

Rev. Lewis Colby, by friends in South Berwick, Me.

Rev. Wm. F. Broaddus, by ladies of M. Salem Church.

Mrs. Mary Ann Broaddus, by her husband, the Rev. Wm. F. B. Va.

Mrs. Sophia Fishback, by her husband, Fauquier county, Va.

Mrs. Emily M. A. Brown, by her husband, of do.

Mrs. Louisa Kinmar, Culpepper county, Va.

Mrs. Elizabeth Lowers, by her husband, Frederick county, Va.

Mrs. Nancy Moss, by her husband, Loudoun county, Va.

Mrs. Maria C. Kerfoot, by her husband, do.

Rev. James Cusick, (a Tuscarora chief,) by contribution at the session of the New-York Convention at Auburn.

J. G. Wasson, Esq. by the first Baptist church in Albany.

RECEIPTS

By the Treasurer of the "American Baptist Home Mission Society."

Mrs. Ellza Hickman, Goshen, Pa. by her husband, Richard R. Hickman, to constitute her a Life Member	\$30 00	J. S. Anderson, Stonington Point, Conn.	\$10 00
Catharine B. S. Sanders, (a Life Member) Windsor, Pa.	30 00	Lydia B. Green, New-Redford, Mass.	10 00
Mrs. Eliza Jones, of Great Valley, Pa. a Life Member by her husband, Thos. Jones, Esq.	30 00	Collections in New-Hampshire, by T. Rand	9 50
Mrs. Theodosia Phillips, of Morristown, Pa. a Life Member by her husband, Deacon Samuel Phillips,	30 00	William E. Garret, of Philadelphia	50 00
Mrs. Sarah Rankin, of Reading, Pa. a Life Member by her husband, Henry Rankin	30 00	T. B. R. Providence, Rhode Island	5 00
Mrs. Eliza Rankin, of Reading, Pa. a Life Member by her husband, Peter Rankin	30 00	Union Baptist Association of New-York and Connecticut, by J. G. Collom	51 00
Mrs. Margaret M. Taggart, Reading, Pa. a Life Member by her husband, D. M. Taggart,	30 00	Collections in 1st Baptist Church, Paterson, N. J. per L. Crawford	6 21
Sundry Subscriptions, &c.	17 00	Elisha Hayward (being one fourth of annual subscription of \$100) of Washington South Bapt. Ch. Buffalo.	25 00
The above rec. per Rev. O. Briggs, agt. John Gray, New-York	5 00	per Rev. J. O. Choules	25 00
Youths' Mission Society, Brooklyn	3 00	Collections in New-Jersey, per Rev. J. C. Murphy	222 99
Mrs. L. Myers, Richmond, Virginia	5 00	Collections in Baptist Church in Hudson, New-York	7 79
Deacon Thomas Garniss, to constitute himself a Life Member	30 00	Donations by William Frazer, North Carolina	16 00
Mrs. G. Tappan, Poughkeepsie	\$5	Mrs. D. Ward, Phenixville, Pennsylvania, per L. M. Allen	5 00
Mrs. Rauken	1	Rev. C. P. Wyckoff, Auburn, N. York	5 00
Mrs. Mott	25	N. Y. State Convention, per Rev. L. Crawford	3047 20
Two Ladies	37	Collections in New-Hampshire, by T. Rand, agent	50 00
Per Rev. H. Malcom	—	Collections and subscriptions in first Baptist ch. Albany, per L. Crawford	50 00
Massachusetts State Convention, per Wm. D. Ticknor, Treasurer	500 00	Do in Pearl-st. Baptist Church, Albany, per L. Crawford	57 35
Thomas T. Devan, M. D. to constitute himself a Life Director	100 00	Do in Virginia, per O. Briggs, agent	500 00
Collections in New-Hampshire, by S. Cooke, Agent	2 79	Youths' Dom. Miss. Soc. per G. C. Germond, Treasurer	162 00
Do. in Maine, by do	67 12	Mrs. Mary Ellis, per Rev. S. H. Cone	20 00
Female Baptist Mission Society of Oliver-street Church, New-York	63 00	Mrs. Elizabeth Williams, Society Hill, South Carolina	20 00
Johnson Tolman, Philadelphia	15 00	P. Van Dyck, New-York	5 00
		New-Hampshire State Convention, per John A. Gault, Treasurer	61 67
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NOTICES.

All communications for the Society should be addressed to LUTHER CRAWFORD, Cor. Secretary, No. 118 Nassau-street.

Moneys may be remitted either to the Secretary, or to R. W. MARTIN, Esq. Treasurer, No. 57 Wall-street.

Rev. HOWARD MALCOM, Financial Secretary of the Foreign Mission Society, will receive any donations that may be committed to him, in his travels, for this Society.

Rev. JAMES HUCKINS has been appointed as agent of the American Baptist Home Mission Society for South Carolina and Georgia.

☞ The publication of the Quarterly Paper for November has been delayed, in consequence of the severe indisposition of the Corresponding Secretary. His life was despaired of for several days, but we are now permitted to entertain hope of his restoration to health and usefulness.

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A M E R I C A N B A P T I S T H O M E M I S S I O N S O C I E T Y .

ARTICLE I. This Society shall be called the AMERICAN BAPTIST HOME MISSIONS SOCIETY.

ARTICLE II. The great object of this Society shall be to promote the preaching of the Gospel in North America.

ARTICLE III. Any person may become a member of this Society by contributing annually to its funds: thirty dollars paid at one time shall constitute a member for life; one hundred dollars paid at one time shall constitute a director for life; and any person on paying a sum which, in addition to any previous contribution, shall amount to one hundred dollars, shall be a director for life; and any Baptist Church or Association, or State Convention, or Missionary Society, that contributes annually to the objects of this Society, shall be entitled to be represented by one or more delegates in its annual meetings.

ARTICLE IV. The officers of this Society shall be a President, Vice-Presidents, a Treasurer, an Auditor, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, and fifty Directors, who shall be annually appointed by the Society.

ARTICLE V. The Officers and Life Directors shall appoint an Executive Committee of thirteen persons, exclusive of the Treasurer, the Corresponding Secretary, the Recording Secretary and Auditor, residing in the city of New-York and its vicinity. The Treasurer, the Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary and Auditor, shall be members *ex-officio* of the Executive Committee, five of whom shall be a quorum at any meeting regularly convened. This Committee shall have power to appoint its own meetings, form its own rules of business, and fill any vacancies which may occur during the year, and convene special meetings of the Board and of the Society; shall appoint missionaries, and instruct them as to the field and manner of their labours; shall dispose of the funds for the objects of the Society, provided that all moneys contributed for any specific purpose shall be faithfully applied only to that particular object; shall create such agency or agencies for the appointment of missionaries and for other purposes as the interests of the Society may require; and shall make an annual report of their proceedings to the Society. All the Officers, Executive Committee, Agents and Missionaries of the Society shall be members of some regular Baptist Church, in general union with the body of that denomination.

ARTICLE VI. The Treasurer shall give bonds to such amount as the Executive Committee shall think proper.

ARTICLE VII. Any Baptist Missionary Society may become auxiliary, by agreeing to pay into the treasury of this Society the whole of its surplus funds, and sending to the Corresponding Secretary a copy of its constitution and annual reports, mentioning the names of its missionaries, and the fields of their operations.

ARTICLE VIII. Every Auxiliary Society who shall agree to pay the whole of its funds to this Society, shall be entitled to a missionary or missionaries, to labour in such field as it may designate, to an amount at least equal to that of its contributions: provided such designation be made at the time of payment.

ARTICLE IX. The officers of Auxiliary Societies shall be *ex-officio* Directors of this Society, and their members shall be members of this Society.

ARTICLE X. The annual meeting of the Society shall be held at such time and place, as the Society shall determine at a previous annual meeting, or as the Executive Committee shall determine.

ARTICLE XI. No alteration of this Constitution shall be made without an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members present at an annual meeting; nor, unless the same shall have been proposed at a previous annual meeting, or recommended by the Executive Committee.

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 Edmund B. Skinner, Perquiman's county, North Carolina
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 Rev. Reuben Sawyer, New-London, N. H. by his church and congregation
 Mrs. Harriet Saunders, by her husband, William Saunders, Lancaster county, Va.
 Letitia M. Stout, by her husband, Wm. Stout
 Samuel Smith, Salem, N. J. by his church
 Rev. D. B. Stout, Middletown, N. J. by his church

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Mr. J. P. Turney, Fairfield, Connecticut, by Mrs. Lydia Sherwood
 Reuben True, Esq. by church in Jeffrey
 Rev. Joseph D. Taylor, by the Stephentown Association
 Mr. Thomas Thomas, New-York
 Mrs. S. S. Thompson, Pittsborough, North Carolina
 Lewis W. Thompson, Britton's Cross Roads, North Carolina
 Frederick Tucker, Stony Creek, Virginia
 Osgood True, Plainfield, New-Hampshire
 Rev. Peter Thurston, of New-York city, by E. Cnuldwell, Esq.

V

James Vanderpool, Esq. Newark, New-Jersey
 *Rev. Ashley Vaughn, by church and congregation at West Troy, New-York
 " Charles Van Loon, by W. Soulden, Esq. of Albany

W

Rev. S. White, by Baptist church and congregation, Staten Island, New-York
 Mrs. E. White, by do do
 " D. B. L. Wade, Burmah
 Rev. O. Winslow, by Youth's D. M. S. Brooklyn, New-York
 Nathan Waterman, jr. Esq. Providence. R. I. Sunday School, 1st church
 William Winterton, Esq. New-York city
 Mr. Edw rd Windust do
 Mr. Robert F. Winslow, do
 Rev. John Walker, Sutton, Massachusetts, by his church
 " Daniel Wildman, New-London, Connecticut, by his church
 " Rev. Stephen Wilkins, Galway, New-York, by his church
 " G. S. Webb, New-Brunswick, New-Jersey " "
 " Isaac Westcott, Stillwater, New-York " "
 " Jonathan Wade, Burmah, by Enon Baptist church, Cincinnati, Ohio
 " Adam Wilson, by Ladies of Baptist church in Saco, Maine

Rev. Daniel Williams, by Amity-street church, New-York
 Mr. Elijah Withington, New-York
 Isaac D. Wilson, Esq. Society Hill, S. C.
 Mrs. Elizabeth Williams, "
 Ransom Warner, M. D. by the East Baptist church, New-York city
 Rev. Warham Walker, Shaftsbury, Centre, Vt. by his church and congregation
 John Wood, Hertford, N. C.
 Wm. J. Wright, Portsmouth, Virginia
 Rev. D. S. Williams, Clinton, N. C.
 Mrs. J. T. Wood, Hertford, N. C.
 Edward C. Wilson, Elizabeth city, N. C.
 A. Williams, "
 Mrs. Sarah Whidden, Calais, Me.
 Mrs. Mary D. Woodward, by her husband, Wm. P. Woodward, Middlesex county, Va.
 J. G. Wasson, Esq. by the 1st Baptist church in Albany
 Mrs. Elizabeth Walker, by Baptist Church Marcus Hook, Pa.
 Joel Walton, Virginia, by himself

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING.

The American Baptist Home Mission Society held its Seventh Anniversary in the Meeting house of the Fifth Baptist Church, in Sansom-street, Philadelphia, April 26, 1839.

Heman Lincoln, President, in the chair.

The President made an affectionate introductory address to the Society.

Prayer by brother Stephen Chapin, of the District of Columbia.

Ministering brethren were invited to a seat with the Society, and to assist in its deliberations.

Resolved, That a Committee on elections be appointed.

The Committee consist of brethren J. C. Harrison, of New-Jersey, John Cookson, of Connecticut, Charles O. Kimball, of Massachusetts, George F. Adams, of Maryland, and J. A. Warne, of Philadelphia.

Resolved, That a Committee on nominations be appointed.

The Committee are brethren William Colgate, of New-York, L. Farwell, of Massachusetts, Rufus Babcock, Jr. of Pennsylvania, Greenleaf S. Webb, of New-Jersey, and John A. Miller, of New-York.

Resolved, That a committee consisting of brethren B. Stow, C. G. Sommers, and Eli Ball, be appointed to draft a respectful notice of our late Secretary, brother Luther Crawford.

The Treasurer read his annual Report.

As the Auditor was absent, it was *Resolved*, That brethren R. Pegg, of New-York, and R. W. Cushman, of Philadelphia, be a Committee to audit the Treasurer's account.

John C. Murphy read extracts from the annual report of the Executive Committee.

Brother J. B. Taylor, of Virginia, presented the following resolution:

Resolved, That the report which has just been read, be accepted and printed, under the revision of the Executive Committee.

Brother Taylor, supported the above resolution by a very acceptable address.

He remarked the destitution of our country, and stated that Louisville, with a population of 30,000 persons, had, until recently, but one Baptist Church. He said that the Society was justly appreciated in Virginia, and urged the importance of extending its efforts, from a consideration of the responsibility resting on us, as the supporters of the ordinances, as they were delivered to the Saints. Adverting to the cause of Home Missions in Virginia, he said that a few years since, they could support only three or four months missionary labour, but that they are now able to employ thirty or forty missionaries nearly the whole year.

Brother J. S. Bacon, of Massachusetts seconded the resolution, and sustained it by considerations drawn from the importance of the field occupied by the Society. Although he declined making a speech, he regarded the operations of the Society as sustaining an important relation to Foreign Missions. He thought our efforts were illustrated by the influence which internal improvements exert on foreign commerce; and that Foreign Missions would not succeed without the cultivation of the field at home. *He had visited a place on the Mississippi, at which, parents and children and grand children, had resided for fifty years without hearing a single sermon.* Adverting to the success with which our exertions had been blessed, he said, the Lord has done great things for us for which our hearts are glad; but the Society must extend its operations.

The resolution passed unanimously.

Brother R. Babcock, Jr. of Pennsylvania, presented the following resolution:

Resolved, That as Home Missions promote whatever is most dear to patriotism, philanthropy, and religion, the condition of society, the destitution of numerous Churches, the principles and prosperity of our denomination, and the commands of God, require of us the promulgation of the gospel in our own country.

In support of this resolution he dwelt upon our love to our country, fellow creatures and race; and stated that our attachment to God and his service, was still greater. He considered the origin of our country, and its bequest to us by our Fathers as showing that our obligations were great, to bestow upon it much labour. He thought that the paper constitutions of our land, (however excellent) could not be confided in with safety, without the prevalence of the principles of peace, order and religion. The religion of this country had been benefited by exposing the membership in Churches by birthright. He spoke of the destitution of the gospel ministry in our land, and specified a very interesting case, as existing among our brethren at Dubuque, Iowa Territory.

The resolution was seconded by brother D. Sharp, of Massachusetts.

He supported it by saying that he was attached to the Society; attended its formation, watched its progress with interest, and prayed to God that its prosperity may be promoted. The gospel ministry promotes *indirectly*, whatever is dear to patriotism: Christ and his Apostles were not political reformers. The removal of evil led people to do what is right. The condition of our country requires the influence of the gospel; disseminate therefore, those principles which lead men to live soberly, righteously and godly. The resolution contemplates the promotion of philanthropy. Where do you find the humane institutions? It is where the gospel is preached. We have an institution which is not national (in a legal sense,) but, designed to promote the prosperity of the nation. Much is said about faith and works. He related the fable of the wagoner, who called upon Hercules; and insisted that if we prayed, we must put our shoulder to the wheel; Paul may plant and Apollos may water, but God gives the increase. The speaker stated that he had a high esteem for Oliver Cromwell, to whom justice has rarely or never been done. He proceeded to illustrate the union of faith and works, by remarking, that as he was about to lead his troops to action on a rainy day, he directed them *to trust in God and keep their powder dry.* Where do you find more philosophy than this? The application was obvious; and it is hoped our friends will be wise to overcome difficulties in all their attempts to do good.

Brother L. Bolles, of Massachusetts, arose to add his testimony to that of his brethren. He was unwilling to leave the meeting without expressing his sentiments in behalf of the Society and its operations. He believed in the doctrine of faith and works. To illustrate this doctrine, he related an anecdote which he received from the good man (Dr. Staughton) who used to preach in this place.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

Resolved, That we adjourn to meet in this place, at 3 o'clock, P. M.
Prayer by brother John Peck, of New-York.

The Society met at 3 o'clock, P. M.

Prayer by brother D. Dodge, of Philadelphia.

The Committee on elections, reported the following persons as entitled to seats in the society. The report was accepted and the Committee was discharged.

Delegates from Auxiliaries to the American Baptist Home Mission Society.

From the New-Hampshire State Convention, Thomas Rand.

Massachusetts State Convention, Daniel Sharp, C. O. Kimball, Irah Chase.

Baptist Church of Lynn, Massachusetts, Joel S. Bacon.

Rhode Island State Convention, John Dowling.

First Baptist Church, Providence, R. I., M. M. Dean.

Connecticut State Convention, J. G. Collom, J. Cookson.

New-York State Convention, Alfred Bennett, John Peck, P. B. Peck, E. L. Taylor, D. G. Cory, Joshua Fletcher, John H. Raymond.

Oliver-street Female Home Mission Society, S. H. Cone, J. C. Murphy, J. H. Raymond, R. Pegg.

Baptist Youths' Domestic Mission Society, N. Y., C. W. Houghton, Thomas Rand.

Brooklyn Home Mission Society, Silas Ilsley.

Saratoga Baptist Association N. Y., J. Fletcher, N. Fox.

New-Jersey State Convention, G. S. Webb, J. C. Harrison, Morgan J. Rhees, Daniel Dodge.

Pennsylvania State Convention, J. M. Linnard, W. Shadrach.

Maryland Union Association, G. F. Adams, W. Crane.

General Association of Virginia, J. B. Taylor, Eli Ball.

The Committee to audit the Treasurer's account, reported that they had examined it and found it correct; and, that there remained in his hands, in money and drafts, &c. ten hundred and thirty-six dollars and nine cents. See the abstract of the Treasurer's report at the close of this report.

Brother Alfred Bennett, addressed the Society, with his usual felicity, on the importance of sending Ministers to the West. We need men of piety and talent, such as are adapted to produce an impression on the community. Much has been said on this subject, but we must go to the book of *acts*, and not merely to the book of *resolutions*. This is demanded by the extent and importance of the field we occupy, for the *West* is already on the other side of the Mississippi; and the people there are talking of going to the mouth of the Oregon to settle.

Brother S. H. Cone presented the following resolution:

Resolved, That the rapid increase of population in the Valley of the Mississippi, together with the solicitations for aid, alike importunate and numerous, which are addressed to the Society, imperiously require the enlargement of our operations.

On the subject of patriotism, he felt the deepest interest. His ancestors were puritans: one of them was a follower of Oliver Cromwell, he felt a strong attachment to civil and religious freedom.

The population of the West, will soon be a majority of the inhabitants of this country; and this shows the importance of preaching the gospel to them, as this is the only effectual safe-guard to our civil institutions. The solicitations are not more numerous than importunate and pathetic; they come directly to the heart! The request often and earnestly presented, is, Will you send us a missionary? If you can give him one hundred dollars, that will enable him to hire a man to work his farm; and then he can preach the gospel to the destitute. To how many such applications have we been obliged to say no: we have no funds, no; no!

Brother Thomas Powell, one of our missionaries, was happily settled in Saratoga county, New-York. There was no necessity for his removal; the people of his charge were desirous of his stay, but he said, looking at the destitution of the great valley, if you will sustain me, I will go. In the West, he met with a sister who formerly belonged to the Church with which he was united when he was baptized. Their meeting was affecting. Her family had settled there before the Indian title was extinguished, and she had regularly maintained family worship ever since. The first individual baptized in that region was one of her children, and a Baptist church has been organized in the vicinity. Another case of the privations incident to a removal to the West, was related. It excited great interest, by the piety and suffering, of which it presented strong evidence.

The day after one of the monthly concerts in Oliver-street, a man and wife addressed a letter to brother Conc, enclosing sixty dollars. They remark,—“we wait on your ministry; we are not Christians, but we hope we may become Christians. We heard you say that sixty dollars would support a missionary; we went home, and have concluded to give that sum; and as long as we live, and we have sixty dollars you may expect it annually, to support a missionary somewhere.” The heart would indeed be hard that did not feel on such a subject, hard, compared with the *heart which the spear of the Roman soldier pierced*.

Brother Eli Ball, seconded the resolution, and it passed unanimously.

The committee on nominations reported.

The Committee on nominations, to whom was referred the nomination of a list of officers for the ensuing year, beg leave respectfully to submit the following report.

President.

HEMAN LINCOLN, of Massachusetts.

Vice-Presidents.

Joseph Wenham, Upper Canada.
 Henry Hoyle, Lower Canada.
 Jarvis Ring, N. Brunswick, N. S.
 Edward Manning, Nova Scotia.
 A. Shaw, Maine.
 Josiah Quincy, New-Hampshire.
 I. H. Cotton, Vermont.
 N. H. Bottom, “
 James H. Duncan, Massachusetts.
 George N. Briggs, “
 Jonathan Bacheller, “
 Jefferson Borden, Rhode Island.
 John Dowling, “
 Albert Day, Connecticut.
 Friend Humphrey, New-York.
 John B. Halsted, “
 William Winterton, “
 Archibald Maclay, “
 Peter P. Runyon, New-Jersey.
 James Vanderpool, “
 Joseph S. Walters, Pennsylvania.
 William Duncan, “

Joseph Miles, Pennsylvania
 William Crane, Maryland.
 James Wilson, “
 I. Withers, District of Columbia.
 Jesse Snead, Virginia.
 V. M. Mason, “
 Thomas Meredith, North Carolina.
 I. K. Griffin, South Carolina.
 Thomas Stocks, Georgia.
 Edward D. King, Alabama.
 Thomas N. King, Mississippi.
 Morgan Bryan, Louisiana.
 Jos. H. Marshall, Tennessee.
 C. Wingate, Kentucky.
 Jeremiah Vardeman, Missouri.
 B. F. Edwards, Illinois.
 Isaac Dimmick, “
 Jesse L. Holman, Indiana.
 Francis Dunlavey, Ohio.
 Luther D. Barker, “
 Caleb Eldred, Michigan.

HENRY JACKSON, Corresponding Secretary.
AARON PERKINS, Recording Secretary.
RUNYON W. MARTIN, Treasurer.
JOHN R. LUDLOW, Auditor.

Directors.

E. E. Cummings, New-Hampshire.	Rufus Babcock, Pennsylvania
Elijah Hutchinson, Vermont.	H. G. Jones, "
D. Packer, "	J. H. Kennard, "
Baron Stow, Massachusetts.	William Young, Delaware.
Jool S. Bacon, "	Stephen P. Hill, Maryland.
Lucius Bolles, "	Stephen Chapin, District of Columbia.
Irah Chase, "	J. B. Jeter, Virginia.
F. A. Willard, "	W. F. Broadbuss, "
Francis Wayland, jr., Rhode Island.	W. T. Brantly, South Carolina.
J. C. Welch, "	Richard Fuller, "
John Cookson, Connecticut.	W. B. Johnson, "
Nathaniel Kendrick, New-York.	Jesse Mercer, Georgia.
S. H. Cone, "	Basil Manly, Alabama.
B. T. Welch, "	Robert T. Daniel, Mississippi.
B. M. Hill, "	David Orr, Arkansas.
J. Smitzer, "	R. B. C. Howell, Tennessee.
E. Tucker, "	S. M. Noel, Kentucky.
Henry Jackson, "	R. T. Dillard, "
Lewis Leonard, "	T. P. Green, Missouri.
Elon Galusha, "	Alva Woods, "
John Peck, "	Hubbell Loomis, Illinois.
Elisha Hayward, "	John M. Peck, "
M. J. Rhees, New-Jersey.	T. R. Cressey, Ohio.
G. S. Webb, "	S. W. Lynd, "
Daniel Dodge, Pennsylvania.	John Booth, Michigan.

Executive Committee.

Spencer H. Cone,	Jacob H. Brouner,
Charles G. Sommers,	William Winterton,
Duncan Dunbar,	Timothy R. Green,
William R. Williams,	William Colgate,
George Benedict,	John A. Miller,
Aaron Perkins,	James H. Townsend.
Silas Ilsley,	

Henry Jackson,	} <i>Ex-Officio.</i>
Aaron Perkins,	
Runyon W. Martin,	
John R. Ludlow.	

The report was accepted, the Committee was discharged, and the preceding list of officers were elected.

It was *Resolved*, that the Society elect a Corresponding Secretary, and Recording Secretary. After the votes were counted, it was declared, that Henry Jackson was elected Corresponding Secretary, and Aaron Perkins, Recording Secretary. Their names were accordingly inserted in the list of officers.

The committee appointed to prepare a notice of the decease of brother Luther Crawford, presented the following report.

The committee appointed to prepare a suitable notice of the decease of the late Corresponding Secretary, respectfully submit the following

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That this Society, cherishing a most affectionate remembrance of the intellectual and moral worth of the Rev. Luther Crawford and fully sympathizing in the fond anticipations which his brief career had awakened of extensive usefulness, regard his removal as an affliction of no ordinary magnitude.

Resolved, That while we would bow submissively to the will of our Heavenly Father in this painful event, and feel ourselves admonished to be ever ready to render an account of our stewardship, we consider it as incumbent on us to labour with increased vigour and devotedness for the advancement of the cause which has thus been bereaved of one of its most promising and efficient advocates.

For the committee,

BARON STOW, *Chairman*.

Resolved, That when we adjourn, we adjourn to meet in this place this evening, to hear the annual sermon, by brother Baron Stow, of Boston.

Resolved, That we adjourn.

The Society met this evening in the meeting house in Sansom-street, and brother Stow preached the Annual Sermon, from Ps. viii. 5. "Thou madest him a little lower than the angels."

The assembly was large, and listened with great interest and gratification to the Sermon. At the close of the service a collection was taken up for the Society, including the avails of jewelry sold, amounting to eighty-two dollars and twenty-four cents.

JOHN C. MURPHY, *Secretary*.

ANNUAL REPORT.

THE Lord who gave the word of life to man, organized the great company whom He commissioned to publish it to all nations. The first in this commission were the holy men of old, who spake as they were moved by the Holy Spirit: to them succeeded the apostles of Jesus Christ, and to them the ministers of the gospel; and those generous men, who desiring to do good unto all men, and deploring their imbecility, called upon the name of the Lord for strength, and blended their counsels, means, and exertions together, that thus by augmenting their strength, they might send the gospel to the most distant regions of this world's darkness and death. In this concentration of their energies by the servants of God, instrumentalities are formed, at once the most benevolent in their design; the best adapted to elicit the talents and to enlarge the facilities for doing good, of all who consecrate themselves to the service of God. By action thus concerted and increased, in the number and strength of its motives, and in the power of continuance, it has pleased God to send out his light and truth to the various portions of our own country, and to foreign lands.

It is believed to be perfectly compatible with a strong and enlightened attachment to every good institution, to assert, that the preaching of the gospel is the form of effort directly enjoined in the command of Jesus Christ. Nor has it escaped observation, that the preaching of the gospel by missionaries, is the most benevolent mode of its publication; whether we regard the people who are generally addressed, as more ready to perish than others, the amount of means liberally appropriated, especially for the benefit of others, or the toils and privations endured in journeys through a sparse, or in encountering the hostility of a dense population.

Of other bodies, it has been popularly said, that they have no souls; but, the mission society is an association of souls; an association in which the intellectual and moral faculties are united with the spiritual affections, and while with *light* and *truth* and *spirituality*, the gospel is preached. Other bodies die, like human bodies, from which perhaps they derived their distinctive appellation; but this great, this heaven born company, is destined to exist until the gospel is preached to all nations. True it is,

that individual members may die, but God will fill all vacancies which his own providence makes.

In the great work of supplying the destitute in our land, your Committee have been permitted to engage another year. Of the past they desire to speak gratefully, to acknowledge the goodness of God which has rested upon their labours; for the present, they can only resolve in the strength of their Redeemer, to work while it is called to-day: of the future, they predict nothing, but thankful for the hope by which it is illumined, they accept that hope as a new incentive to their zeal, and will endeavour to await the expression of the Divine will! To a readiness to cease from their labours, alike submissive, and immediate, the Committee have been solemnly called, by the death of brother Luther Crawford, their late beloved Corresponding Secretary. Brother Crawford deceased on the 13th of February. He suffered a protracted and severe illness, which greatly prostrated his bodily powers. When his imbecility denied existence to strong emotion, or lively joy, he frequently expressed his confidence in Jesus Christ, and his submission to the Divine will; and, in possession of faith and patience he fell asleep. To the worth of brother Crawford, it gives the Committee pleasure to bear unequivocal testimony. They make this public expression of their sympathy and condolence with his afflicted widow, and other relatives and friends, assuring them of the consolation which the hope imparts, that in heaven he rests from his labours. Accepting the admonition which the death of a junior member, in the vigor of early manhood presents, the Committee feel called to redouble their zeal in the work of the Lord, and particularly in the cause of Home Missions; for they know not at what time death may terminate their opportunities, and summon them to their account before the throne of God.

DEATH OF DIRECTORS.

The Committee have also to report, and to deplore, the death of the venerable Henry Smalley, a Director of the Society. He was the pastor of the Baptist church at Cohansey, New-Jersey, fifty years. Brother Smalley had attained the age of seventy-four years. Sensible of the weight of years, he modestly resigned the pastoral charge in favour of a younger pastor, and it was his pious design, if his life had been preserved, to have visited the feeble and destitute churches in his vicinity, to comfort and strengthen them in the name of the Lord. To great rectitude of character, brother Smalley added steadfastness in the faith, great simplicity of manners, and humility. By the appointment of his Redeemer he rests from his labours; his pastorate is his monument, already of fifty years standing: his character is his eulogium.

Brother Ashley Vaughn, deceased on the 29th of March ultimo, at Natchez, Mississippi. Brother Vaughn was an active and useful minister of the gospel. His talents were respectable, his piety was ardent, and his manners were amiable. The zeal and devotedness of our brother to the cause of Christ, gained him many friends; and it is believed, that in the State which he adopted as the place of his abode and toils, he was highly esteemed in love for his works' sake. To his afflicted widow, and other friends, the Committee present the expression of their condolence, with that of their confidence, that their departed brother has joined the Church of the first-born in heaven.

DEATH OF MISSIONARIES.

Your Committee have also to deplore the death of two valuable missionaries.

Brother William Spencer, of Jacksonville, Sangamon county, Illinois, was employed by the Society nearly six years. He attained to a good old age; he was exemplary in his demeanour, faithful, zealous, and highly esteemed as a minister of the gospel, and retained his vigor until within a short time of his death. Before the letter communicating the sympathy of your Committee to his afflicted widow, could reach her, she followed him to "an inheritance incorruptible, undefiled, and that fadeth not away."

Brother Alexander Riddler, was a missionary of the Society, at Chillicothe, Peoria county, Illinois. He deceased on the 7th of October last. The esteem in which he was held by the brethren in that state, may be seen from their language; they say, "He was a burning and shining light." No particular facts in relation to his decease have reached us; but, he appears to have been an active and ardent preacher of the gospel. These all died in the faith.

CONSTITUTION.

The Committee recommend that the fifth article of the constitution be so amended as to read as follows:

ARTICLE V. The Officers and Life Directors shall appoint an Executive Committee of thirteen persons, exclusive of the Treasurer, the Corresponding Secretary, the Recording Secretary, and Auditor, residing in the city of New-York and its vicinity. The Treasurer, the Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, and Auditor, shall be members *ex-officio* of the Executive Committee, five of whom shall be a quorum at any meeting regularly convened. This Committee shall have power to appoint its own meetings, form its own rules of business, and fill any vacancies which may occur during the year, and convene special meetings

of the Board and of the Society ; shall appoint missionaries and instruct them as to the field and manner of their labours ; shall dispose of the funds for the objects of the Society, provided that all moneys contributed for any specific purpose, shall be faithfully applied only to that particular object ; shall create such agency or agencies, for the appointment of missionaries and for other purposes, as the interests of the Society may require ; and shall make an annual report of their proceedings to the Society. All the Officers, Executive Committee, Agents and Missionaries of the Society, shall be members of some regular Baptist Church, in general union with the body of that denomination.

AGENCIES.

It is a subject of solicitude on the part of your Committee, that this department of their labours, may hereafter be made much more efficient, by being extended to fields which have not been visited ; or, which have been but partially visited, by collecting agents of the Society. We unhesitatingly express the opinion, that agencies are of great moment in consequence of the information which they diffuse on the subject of religion, of the benevolent institutions in general, and especially respecting the Society in whose employ they travel. This Society has existed seven years. During this time circulars, quarterly papers, and annual reports, have been published and distributed, to the number of many thousands ; newspapers have been to a considerable extent the organs of communication ; and our good brethren have kindly attended from distant portions of the country, the anniversaries of the Society. We have listened with instruction and pleasure to their eloquence in pleading the cause of the Society with men, and to their prayers in pleading it with God, and their debtors we are ; but, it nevertheless remains true, that in extensive and opulent portions of our country, where the Baptist population is large and the Baptist cause is popular, the great mass of that population know nothing of us, not even our name, much less our object and wants, until an agent appears and announces the object of his visit. This is a sober truth, attested every year indeed, but, existing in numerous instances, of which no attestation has been given ; for the number of places unvisited by our agents is yet great. If it is a privilege and a duty that our brethren co-operate with the Society, let us afford them the first that they may rejoice in the second.

There are several modes of raising money for the benevolent societies, and if they are named, it is not to express dissatisfaction with them, but to exhibit the comparative importance of raising funds by agencies. These generally consist of private donations, of public collections, of sums raised by auxiliary societies, and of

testamentary appropriations. For their liberality in all these forms, we make our acknowledgments and express our gratitude to our numerous friends. It still remains to be stated, that when our brethren are properly informed, by a prudent and godly agent, that the private gift exceeds the amount of the public collection, and the public collection exceeds the annual subscription, and that subscription becomes so greatly superior to its former maximum, that the subscribers find themselves glad in the possession of means which so greatly augment their power to do good.

It is sometimes thought to be an objection to agents, that they receive salaries. Their salaries are usually small, perhaps less than they might receive in some other avocation; or, as pastors. Their preaching, if they are the right kind of men, is worth more to the cause of religion, than the amount they receive for their services. It is sometimes objected, that the churches are destitute, and need their services. But, one good agent, if the Lord blesses his exertions, will collect sufficient funds to assist in sustaining a considerable number in the pastoral relation, where otherwise they could not be sustained. It is sometimes thought to be unscriptural thus to make collections; but if it is our duty to contribute to the support of the gospel, how can it be wrong to ask us to do it?

This is a subject of very grave importance to the Society. It is believed, that only to a small extent has she availed herself of the great increase of means, which the mode of collecting them by agencies, is adapted to supply. The principal sums of money which our treasury has received, have been generally obtained in this manner. It is very difficult, and it is very unnecessary to suppose, that the Baptist denomination in the United States, with a membership that is equal to half a million of souls, and which is receiving annually large accessions in number, talents, wealth, and piety, should from parsimony, decline to put into your treasury a sum adequate to the work which they request you to perform; which is to send out preachers to preach the gospel, to the greatest practicable extent, in our own country. Let the system of agencies be more extended, and give to our denomination an opportunity to come to the help of the Lord, and they will aid with a readiness and liberality which will do them honour, and will greatly benefit the Society.

For the success of the proposed extension of its agency, the Society confiding in the direction and blessing of God, make their appeal to brethren of influence and of the requisite qualifications for the service, and solicit them to employ both in the promotion of a cause dear to patriotism as the welfare of our country, and to religion dear as its vitality, its extended power and unbounded benedictions. To the entire membership of our churches, their appeal comes and asks that with one heart and voice, they commend the cause of Home Missions to God with-

out ceasing, and applying their own, that they endeavour also to secure the liberal appropriations of others, to its support.

The Committee, during the year which has closed, have only been able to avail themselves of the services of a small number of agents ; they indulge the hope, that during the ensuing year, the number will be increased.

Brother Samuel Cook, in the state of Maine, and brother Thomas Rand, in New-Hampshire, each commenced the duties of the agencies to which they were appointed ; but circumstances of an unfavourable character soon transpired, and as it was found inexpedient at that time to prosecute those duties, they resigned.

In Vermont, brother Jonathan Baldwin, acted as the agent of the convention of that state. This body generously appropriates its funds to the support of the society's missionaries in Lower Canada, six in number.

In Massachusetts, brother Charles O. Kimball, the Secretary of the State Convention, has devoted himself to the agency in that state.

Brother Luther Crawford visited Philadelphia on agency business, and performed such other similar duties, as his numerous engagements would permit.

John C. Murphy was employed in New-Jersey and New-York city, making collections.

Brethren John Peck and Lewis Leonard, still attend with zeal and success, to the duties of the agency in the State of New-York.

Brother Otis Briggs has been engaged chiefly in Pennsylvania and Virginia ; and brother George F. Adams, to a limited extent, in Maryland and Virginia.

Brother James Huckens, was also appointed to a Southern agency, and has laboured in South Carolina and Georgia, very acceptably.

In Ohio, brother Reuben Winchell, in behalf of the convention of the state, has succeeded in eliciting the liberality of the community to a very encouraging extent, in support of village preaching.

In Illinois, notwithstanding a very severe illness, with which he has been afflicted, brother J. M. Peck evinces his usual ardor, in reference to the agency in that state.

The Committee very respectfully commend the agents of the society to the prayers, to the brotherly kindness, and to the liberality of the brethren, and solicit for them that kind consideration and generous co-operation, which it is a blessing to give, and which the cause of Home Missions entitles them to receive.

Nor, are the Committee willing to dismiss the subject of agency, until they express their indebtedness and gratitude to those benevolent individuals, who, without waiting to be personally called on for their pecuniary aid, have not only given liberal-

ly to aid us themselves, but have also induced others to contribute, and thus rendered to the society essential service. The best commendation of the conduct of these brethren is, the assurance not only that it is worthy the imitation of all, but also that if it is imitated by the community, it will secure to the society a prominence and extension in doing good, which will gladden the hearts of many thousands, and bring the blessing of many who were ready to perish, upon our benefactors.

TABLE OF MISSIONARIES.

NAMES.	RESIDENCE.			Missionaries in each list	Months' labor performed	GENERAL REMARKS.
	TOWN OR POST.	COUNTY.	STATE.			
Chas. O. Kimball	Agent, Boston		Mass.	1	12	Supported by Mass State Con.
William H. Card	Norwalk	FAIRFAX	Cal.	1	6	Building a M. H. Left the state.
John Peck, Ag't	New-Woodstock	Madison	N. Y.	12		Supported by N. Y. State Con.
Lewis Leonard	Agent		N. Y.	2	12	Do. do. do.
E. Macomber	Mondville	Crawford	Pa.	1	12	Prospects are favourable.
C. W. Denison	Wilmington	Newcastle	Del.	12		Has left the state.
J. P. Thompson	Newcastle		Del.	2	10	
George F. Adams	Agent, Baltimore		Md.	12		Encouraged by increased prospects of usefulness.
Joseph Mettam	Pikesville	Baltimore	Md.	2	12	Is blessed with prosperity.
Otis Briggs	Agent		Va.	12		Has performed the duties of his agency successfully.
Benjamin Holden	East Clarksburg	Harrison	Va.	2	10	Preaches to congregations which evince deep pious feeling
James Huckens	Agent		Ga.	1		Is successful in the duties of his agency
O. T. Hammond	Tallahassee	Leon	Flor.	1	9	Has removed to Irwintown, Ala.
John Micou	Louisville		Mi.		4	
B. T. Daniel, Ag't	Holly Springs		Mi.	2	8	Has rendered important assistance by the coll. of funds.
David Orr	Smithville	Lawrence	Ark.		11	
John Woodrume	Smithville	Lawrence	Ark.		12	
G. W. Baines	Crooked Creek	Carroll	Ark.		12	The brethren in this state have been restricted by sickness, and other causes, in the performance of their duties.
Wm. W. Settle	Mud Creek	Randolph	Ark.		12	
Thomas Mercer	Athens	Izard	Ark.		12	
John B. Graham	Swan Township	Taney	Mo.		12	
William B. Karr			Ark.		2	
Benj. Hawkins	Izard Court H.	Izard	Ark.	8	12	
J. Wiseman			Tenn		11	
H. B. Hayward	Lagrange	Fayette	Tenn		10	
Jacob Browning	Alton		Tenn		7	
John C. Martin	Pleasant Exch'ge	Carroll	Tenn	4	7	

Reuben Morey	Louisville	Jefferson	Ky.	1	12	Laboured about half the year at Madison, Indiana.
James Williams	Potosi	Washington	Mo.	6		
R.S.D. Cauldwell	Stillville	Crawford	Mo.	8		Resigned his commission.
W. W. Tucker	Port Williams	Franklin	Mo.	10		
Kemp Scott	Pisgah	Cooper	Mo.	12		In this state, notwithstanding the prevalence of sickness, the labours of our brethren have been blessed; many have been converted to God, and an auxiliary society has been formed at St. Louis.
A. P. Williams	Palatine	Cooper	Mo.	10		
H. McElmurry	Greenville	Wayne	Mo.	12		
Wm. H. Davall	Jefferson City	Cole	Mo.	4		
B. F. Brubrook	St. Louis		Mo.	12		
Peter Williams	Cape Girardeau		Mo.	12		
David Siles	Port Williams	Franklin	Mo.	10		
A. Broadus, Jr.	St. Francisville	Clark	Mo.	8		
William Keys	Greenville	Wayne	Mo.	2		
Edwin C. Brown	Potosi	Washington	Mo.	10		
R. N. Herndon	St. Louis		Mo.	14		Recently appointed.
J. M. Pock, Ag't	Rock Spring		Ill.	6		
*Wm. Spencer			Ill.	6		Built a Meeting House.
John Logan	Macomb	McDonough	Ill.	6		
Calvin Greenleaf	White Hall	Green	Ill.	6		
Ezra Fisher	Quincy	Adams	Ill.	12		Built a Meeting House.
J. T. Hinton	Chicago	Cook	Ill.	2		Has been blessed with revival.
Norman Parks	Payson	Adams	Ill.	12		
Wm. J. Conley	Diamond Spring	Clinton	Ill.	12		
Nathan Arnett	Belleville	St. Clair	Ill.	11		
J. Merriam	Springfield	Sangamon	Ill.	12		Assisted in Constituting a ch.
Thomas Powell	Vermilionville	Lusalle	Ill.	12		Constituted a Church at Greenfield, Bureau Co. Ill.
Isaac D. Newell	Bloomington	McLean	Ill.	12		Building a Meeting House.
E. Veach	Bloomington	McLean	Ill.	12		Assisted in the constitution of a church.
W. F. Boyakin	Salem	Marion	Ill.	10		
James B. Olcott	Waterloo	Munroe	Ill.	10		Constituted a Church.
Thomas H. Ford	Griggsville	Pike	Ill.	10		
David J. Lloyd	Millersburg		Ill.	10		Much suffering was endured by our brethren in this state last Summer, by severe drouth, which also interrupted their labours.
R. Weston	Warsaw	Hancock	Ill.	6		
Jool Wheeler		McHenry	Ill.	12		
*Alex. Riddler	Peoria		Ill.	5		
Jacob Bower	Manchester	Morgan	Ill.	6		
Elijah Dodson	Woodburn	McCoupin	Ill.	2		
J. E. Ambrose	Lafox	Kane	Ill.	23	1	
William Rees	Delphi	Carroll	Ia.	12		Relinquished further aid from the Society.
Daniel Palmer	Printers' Retreat	Switzerland	Ia.	12		
E. D. Owen	Richmond	Wayne	Ia.	12		
Reuben Coffey	Ellettsville	Munroe	Ia.	12		
William Miller	Connersville	Fayette	Ia.	11		
Joshua Currier	Millgrove	Steuben	Ia.	10		The people of his charge sustain him.
S. B. Searle	Delphi	Carroll	Ia.	2		
F. A. Willard	Indianapolis	Marion	Ia.	3		
Four Webb	Newtown	Fountain	Ia.	2		
Wm. M. Pratt	Crawfordsville	Montgom'ry	Ia.	10	10	
R. Winchell	Agent		O.	1		Has been very successful in obtaining subscriptions to sustain the ministry of the gospel in the villages in the state.
Hiram Gear	Marietta	Washington	O.	12		
Calcb Green	Southington	Trumbull	O.	12		
J. L. Richmond	Conneaut	Ashtabula	O.	10		A revival of religion has been enjoyed here.
T. R. Cressy	Columbus	Franklin	O.	12		

	McConnelsville	Morgan	O.	7	
deall	Perrysburg	Wood	O.	7	
ghes	Radnor	Delaware	O.	12	Preaches in Welsh
son	Circleville	Pickaway	O.	10	
dy			O.	9	
ner	Mansfield	Richland	O.	7	A Church constituted.
y	Richmond	Geauga	O.	7	
h	Rome	Ashtabula	O.	4	
rd	Bedford	Cuyahoga	O.	3	Built a Meeting House.
man	Strongsville	Cuyahoga	O.	12	
ll		Columbiana	O.	3	
,	Aurora	Portage	O.	12	
	Massillon	Starke	O.	18 12	
all	Saline		Mic.	12	
ell			Mic.	10	
se	Mount Vernon	Macomb	Mic.	12	Has been blessed with a revival
dge	Bear Creek	Lenawee	Mic.	4	
ms	Battle Creek		Mic.	3	The agency in this state is
Jones	Cold Water	Branch	Mic.	3	deranged in consequence of the
ler	Ann Arbor	Washtenaw	Mic.	7	embarrassments of the commu-
stock	Detroit	Wayne	Mic.	12	nity.
r	Unadilla		Mic.	6	Is favoured with encouraging
					prospects.
all		Kalamazoo	Mic.	10	Sustained by his church.
Evans	Iowa Territory	Des Moines	Iowa	1 10	Greatly needs aid in an ex-
					ensive field.
fling	Milwaukie		W.T.	12	Earnestly solicit, and greatly
bews	Milwaukie		W.T.	2 10	need the aid of additional mis-
					sionaries.
ary	Belleville		U.C.	11	
es	Brantford		U.C.	12	Absent part of the time on
azer	Broadalbans		U.C.	12	the deputation to England.
lg't	Toronto		U.C.	8	
i	St. Catharines		U.C.	7	Resigned.
ell	Toronto		U.C.	7	Resigned.
son	Drummondville		U.C.	9	
rey	Drummondville		U.C.	8 3	
schell			L.C.	12	
			L.C.	4	The missionaries in Lower
, Jr.			L.C.	12	Canada are sustained by the
			L.C.	12	Vermont State Convention. Dr.
well			L.C.	12	J. Baldwin is the agent of the
			L.C.	12	Vermont State Convention.
,	West Berkshire,	Vermont	L.C.	7 3	Brother P. Chase is sustained
					by the parent society.

society has during the year, had 121 missionaries and
in its service; they have been employed in 22 states,
3, and territories. They have performed an amount of
which is equal to eighty-eight years labour of one man;
they travelled 34,728 miles, preached 3,453 sermons,
1,058, received by letter 270, constituted twenty-four
, and ordained eleven ministers.

The above statement, is greatly below the real amount
accomplished is certain. In this report, nothing is ad-
not more probability; we make our statement only so far

as advised ; and such is the imperfection of our correspondence, especially, with respect to statistics, and to facts, that we omit altogether, the table showing the amount done to sustain the benevolent institutions. It is perfectly well known, that our missionaries are zealously engaged to sustain these institutions, and that they are assisted in this good work by our brethren generally.

REVIEW OF MISSION STATIONS.

Connecticut. At Norwalk, in this state, Brother William H. Card has been under the appointment of the executive committee six months, with a very gratifying degree of public acceptance. Under his ministry the church has been encouraged and increased by the addition of several persons by baptism to her number. They have commenced the erection of a good meeting-house, under very agreeable prospects of success, and are also favoured with other pleasing indications of prosperity. It is regarded, however, as peculiarly unhappy, that amid many encouragements, their pastor is obliged to resign his charge, as he finds himself unable, in consequence of ill health, to continue the discharge of his duties among them.

Pennsylvania. In this state the society has one missionary, brother E. Macomber, who during the year has travelled about 3000 miles, and preached 250 sermons, chiefly in Crawford and Erie counties, and in places adjacent to them ; he assisted in the constitution of two churches, and baptized several persons. This region is properly a missionary field, as it is very destitute, yet the Lord has poured out his Spirit upon the people, and by various ministers, 212 have been baptized. It is pleasing to learn, that *such a considerable* addition has been to the strength of this comparatively feeble people ; may they go from strength to strength, every one of them appearing in Zion before God. Grateful for the aid afforded them, these brethren earnestly solicit the continuance of their minister among them under the appointment of the society.

Delaware. Brother Charles W. Denison has officiated in this state as missionary agent ; and as the pastor of the Second Baptist church at Wilmington. The church has received an accession of fifteen persons by baptism. They occupy a convenient meeting-house, and hopes are indulged that they will prosper. Brother Denison has resigned, and left the state. During his residence at Wilmington, prospects encouraged him ; the attendance at public worship, the inquiry of souls asking the way to Zion, and the occasional baptism of believers, were among those encouragements.

Brother John P. Thompson is our missionary in this field. He is laborious in the performance of his duties. He travels and preaches at various places, and is attended by large and se-

rious congregations. His style of preaching, and his manners are thought to be well adapted to the people among whom he labours. In family visits, he seeks opportunity to direct sinners to "The Lamb of God, who taketh away the sin of the world," and to diffuse the savour of vital piety. Attached as he is, to the benevolent objects, which are less the creation than the attainment of Christian zeal, he gives to them the strength of his influence and the warmth of his commendation. We sincerely unite with him in imploring the Divine blessing to descend upon the good seed which he has sown, that it may spring up and bear fruit.

The state of religion in Delaware is thought to be very low. Oh ! that God would pour his Spirit upon the people, convert sinners, restore the fallen, refresh his saints, elicit their latent, their buried talents, and give them a holy and untiring zeal and activity in the cause of immortal souls—the cause of Christ.

Maryland. Brother G. F. Adams has, for the last twelve months, continued his ministerial labours in Calvert-street, Baltimore. The Committee have been pleased to learn, that appearances of success in Baltimore are more encouraging than heretofore. When they consider the zeal and the pecuniary expense at which the church in Calvert-street was commenced by brethren, who still largely contribute to its support, they feel strongly inclined to the opinion, that with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

Brother Adams informs us, that the congregation increases ; that they have a Sunday school and a Bible class : two have joined the church by letter, and he has baptized seven in the country. They are looking forward to better days ; may they experience and enjoy them, until the little one becomes a thousand.

Brother Joseph Mettam preaches in Pikesville, and Taney Town. The meetings for public worship here are well attended ; they have an interesting Sunday school, and three have been baptized.

The brethren feel that religion is in a low state among them, and express the hope, that the day is not distant, when the Sun of Righteousness will arise upon them. That this expectation may speedily be realized, that sinners may be converted to God, and that the churches of Christ in Maryland, may occupy a prominent place in the denomination, in every good work, your Committee will not cease to pray.

Virginia. Brother Benjamin Holden is our missionary at East Clarksburg, Harrison county, in this state. The people received him as a minister of the gospel, with demonstrations of joy, and attended his ministry in crowded and weeping congregations. We are so far advised of the condition of Western Virginia, as to be satisfied of its importance as a mission station, and

vented from accomplishing these objects, by being, through the influence of his friends, dissuaded from his contemplated tour.

The cause is advancing under the labors of our missionaries. They think that their State Convention, and the meetings, which they in rotation attend, will be productive of good results.

In various instances, where the congregations were small and careless, they are now large and attentive ; several persons have been baptized and added to the churches, and much has been done to promote religion in the State. "I thank God," observes our missionary, "that where I have laboured most during this year, a great change is effected. The people in the settlements, have left off their Sabbath breaking, swearing and gambling; the professors of religion have returned from their backslidings, and have been healed ; and some of both the young and the old, have lately been made the sharers of pardoning grace. The inhabitants of these western wilds seem anxious to hear the gospel, and to enjoy the light of the Sun of Righteousness. Harmony and christian love, truly abound. O for grace to be useful in this best of causes, and to do the greatest of works, the work of the Lord !"

Another correspondent informs us, that "general good feeling has been manifest among the friends of Zion, that the penitential tear has frequently started down the cheeks of sinners, and that the strictest attention is given to the preaching of the gospel."

Our missionaries here, have nevertheless had much to encounter from the small amount of produce which was raised last summer, from the prevalence of sickness and from other causes.—One of them, after specifying these trials, and who is suffering from ill health, says, "yet I thank God, that I am able to publish life and salvation at all to a perishing world." Upon your missionaries in Arkansas, who seem united and zealous in the work of the Lord, your Committee trust, that the blessing of heaven which makes rich, will descend. For the restoration of brother David Orr to health, much solicitude has been felt, as he has been unusually active in the service of the Society : may the Lord graciously restore him, and assist him still to abound in the work which He has given him to do.

Tennessee. The comparative importance of this state, places it deservedly high, in the scale of that moral influence which the various states in our union seem adapted to exert upon each other, and upon the world. Although this state is held in very high and respectful consideration, and such of the brethren as are known to the Committee, are highly esteemed, yet, circumstances beyond their control, have prevented them from making but four appointments to the state, since our last anniversary. Concerning these, in consequence of the failure of letters, or of some other unknown cause, they are not, except in a single instance, advised. The names of the brethren are inse-

tabular view of mission stations, agreeably to their appointment; nevertheless, some of them may have declined accepting it.

Brother H. B. Hayward is our missionary at Lagrange and Bolivar. Circumstances arising from the location of the meeting-house in the former, and causes of a different character at the latter of these places, have contributed to limit his usefulness. He, however, does not seem discouraged, but from his last communication, was contemplating the increase of his operations, by augmenting the means, by which it is hoped, the gospel may yet more generally and powerfully influence the people to piety and to usefulness, and advance them to all the privileges of the household of faith. Although not permitted to report an encouraging measure of success, our brother thinks that the state of things in the field of his labours is slowly improving.

As your Committee suppose, that by the favour of their respected correspondent in Tennessee, a proposition is before the convention of that state, which will probably be agreeable to that body, and which will greatly facilitate our operations, the hope is indulged, that hereafter we may have better things to report from this field;—things which accompany salvation.

Kentucky. Brother Reuben Morey is our missionary at Louisville, in this state. He spent about the first half of the current year at Madison, in Indiana, from which place he came to Louisville, and commenced preaching for the second Baptist church in that city. Under his labours the church and congregation have increased; to the former, seven members have been added. The brethren speak well of their minister, and appear to hold him in high esteem for his work's sake.

Respect for the brethren in Kentucky in general, affectionate attachment to such of them as are personally known, together with a desire to witness a more enlarged and liberal activity in the cause of Christ in that state, have induced the Committee to hope for their more extensive co-operation in the cause of Home Missions. It is, therefore, respectfully suggested to these brethren, that our union in our denominational exertions, to supply the destitute with the ministry of the gospel, would be peculiarly agreeable to us; and we would rejoice in the accession to this good cause of the talents, piety, and influence, which they could so easily bring to, and so profitably employ, in one united and harmonious effort to preach Christ to the people.

Although not immediately within the purview of this report, we feel pleasure in noticing the union of the papers, hitherto known as the Baptist Banner, Western Pioneer, and the Baptist, in one paper: called the Baptist Banner and Western Pioneer; and published at Louisville, Kentucky. The ability with which its editorial department is conducted, the various societies, of which it is the useful organ of communication with the public; the variety and excellence of the religious communications which

enrich its columns ; and the fervency of the exhortations to every good work, which it addresses to its readers, assure us of its usefulness ; and induce the hope, that more frequent touches may hereafter keep more bright the chain of Christian fellowship which binds us together.

Missouri. In this state, the Society have had, during the current year, thirteen missionaries. A part of these labour under the direction of the Franklin Mission Association, an active and useful auxiliary of the society.

In contemplating the condition of the denomination in this state, although there are some things to deplore, yet there is much that demands our devout acknowledgments and gratitude to God, for the repeated and great blessings which he has granted to the labours of our missionaries. Seasons of protracted service seem to have been peculiarly blessed to the souls of men. The instances of conversion and of baptisms reported, as having occurred at these meetings, are numerous. One of our missionaries, Alvin P. Williams, baptized during the year, *one hundred and thirty-one persons.*

After enumerating some things which have been accomplished, by the instrumentality of the ministry of the gospel, and deploring the inactivity of some in the cause of missions, one of our missionaries piously laments, that "*many souls are on the way to wo and ruin.*" A statement which is deplorable, because true, and alarming, because of the value of those souls, and of their exposure to the wrath that is to come ! Beholding their peril, and seeking their rescue, the missionary goes forth in their midst preaching the gospel, and rejoices, as he finds that God by the foolishness of preaching, saves them that believe. On the importance of a ministry alike enlightened and faithful, the same writer observes, that "if we could have faithful ministers to preach to all our churches, who had the cause of Christ deeply at heart, and who would study to show themselves approved unto God, rightly dividing the word of truth, there would be no difficulty in inducing many to believe Bible truth." A sentiment, the mere reiteration of which might be useful, until it was far more generally accredited, and until prayer was everywhere presented to God, that He would send forth more labourers, for the harvest is great, and the labourers are few.

In the city of St. Louis, one of the most important places in the Valley of the Mississippi, it appears, that the Baptist church has been steadily, though slowly, advancing. When the location, character, and future influence of this place, are considered, it must be a subject of religious gratification, that the church there is augmenting in numbers, and as we believe, increasing in the knowledge of God ; while every year is advancing their strength, so that soon they will be able to dispense bountifully the blessings

of a pious and enlightened ministry, to those who are far beyond them, in the distant and mighty West.

The society has in this state also, two auxiliaries, whose object is to sustain missionaries. The first of these, the Baptist Home Mission Society of Cape Girardeau, sustains two missionaries, one of whom, Peter Williams, is under appointment by the Parent Society; and is by it partially supported: the second is the Baptist Domestic Missionary Society of St. Louis county. The last named society was recently constituted, and brother R. N. Herndon has been appointed to labour under its direction: and in sustaining him, they are also assisted by the Parent Society.

We think, that to these societies, the field is white to the harvest, and our prayer is, that entering it as they do, they may reap and gather wages unto eternal life.

The Committee deeply regret, that at a time at which the prospects in Missouri are so cheering, that reward follows immediately in the footsteps of labour, several of their useful missionaries are leaving the field, in consequence of an inadequate support. Our brethren have not acted under a mercenary spirit, but have been compelled to leave the work of preaching as missionaries, in obedience to the law which requires a man to provide for his own household. Nor, should this subject pass without a serious inquiry, whether the friends of the Home Mission cause have done all which it demands of them. Friends and brethren, the question addresses itself to us all; is it desirable, is it necessary, at a time when the calls are numerous and importunate, and when the churches are flourishing under their ministry, and sinners are converted to God, that our missionaries, for want of daily bread, should find it necessary to turn their attention to secular business?

Illinois. In this state, the society has had twenty-three missionaries during the current year. Two of their number have been removed by death. Several of our brethren have also, during the year, been afflicted with distressing cases of sickness, which has greatly limited their ability to perform their duties as ministers of the gospel, and of course, their usefulness. Among these, brother John M. Peck, our agent, was brought low, but the Lord helped him; and we rejoice in his restoration to health, and to his accustomed labours. The convention in this state is a well organized body; zealously engaged in the promotion of the objects embraced in the various benevolent societies.

The convention has, we are pleased to observe, adopted the plan of designating a missionary to itinerate in each association. This course will probably, best secure the supply of the destitute within their respective limits; and the proper persons being appointed to this service, religion will, under their ministry, happily advance, and the resources of the churches will be more

generally elicited and combined to strengthen each other and the convention ; and to dispense the gospel to all men.

Of the condition of the denomination in this state, your Committee are well advised, and entertain the opinion, that the Divine blessing has rested upon the labours of your missionaries.

Brother J. M. Peck, in performing the duties of his agency, made laborious tours, almost up to the time of his illness. He informs us, that "the present attitude of the churches at Fountain Creek and Waterloo, in Monroe county, affords a happy illustration of the good effects of timely missionary aid on our western population. Both now have pastors, which they partially support according to their ability, and by the aid of three licensed preachers, are establishing meetings in remote, very destitute, and wicked settlements ; where God is now at work, and a happy and surprising change has been effected. I will repeat what I have often said, that the field of missionary operation in this state, is enlarging every day, and whitening for the harvest, and that instead of twenty, we *really need fifty missionaries*, to supply the destitute churches and settlements."

While encouragements to continue our labours are thus afforded us, the destitution of large and interesting regions of country asks our immediate aid, and which, being afforded, receives in the blessing of God, its reward. One of our missionaries mentions, that on arriving at a place at which a meeting was to be held, he found the people assembled together, to pray for the influences of the Divine Spirit to rest upon them. A practice, which, as it is a duty, ought never to be omitted ; and if considered as a privilege, it would be enjoyed to such an extent, as greatly to enrich the souls of all concerned, and give to their labours an unction, and a power, only to be derived from heaven. Another correspondent informs us, that a meeting having been appointed at Georgetown, Randolph county, after it continued several days, it became deeply interesting ; the concourse was large and solemn ; that five converts were baptized, and a church of fifteen members was constituted, to which, in a few days, two others were added on the succeeding Sabbath.

Another of our brethren, gives us the following interesting preaching scene. The meeting was held in Pike county, at Pleasant Vale. We had no meeting-house, but log huts were erected around the preaching ground : the preaching stand was raised on two logs, under a wide spread oak ; a beautiful spring rising in the vicinity, formed a creek which skirted one side of the ground we occupied, and furnished the most agreeable convenience for baptizing ; the shade of the trees which skirted the adjoining wood, a clear sky, and the presence of a large, serious, inquiring, delighted congregation, together with the generous hospitality which was used on the occasion, all contributed to render this a meeting of most interesting character : *but, the best*

of all was, God was there in power and much mercy: it was indeed a peculiar season of refreshing to Christians, and many were convinced and converted to God. Think, dear brethren, of the convocation of such a meeting; the time, the place; perhaps the preacher's name is announced, and the meeting becomes the principal topic of conversation through a large section of country; hope and desire produce anxiety to be present; the time approaches, and the assembly convenes. They have travelled from various directions, perhaps some five or ten miles, but, they have been moved by a disposition to attend the meeting, that may be all; but God who knows the hearts, knows the necessities of men, and blessed be his name, pours out his Spirit upon them; they see their lost condition; they inquire what they must do to be saved, they are directed to Jesus Christ, believe in his name, and are filled with the joys of his salvation. The delightful, the holy influence of such a meeting, amounts to the purification of an entire neighbourhood; the obdurate are rendered penitent, prodigals are reclaimed, the broken hearted are healed, the licentious become moral, and the apostate recalled from his wanderings, occupies no more the paths of moral vagrancy, but delights to abide in the temple of God. Such results of the ministry of the gospel, as they give to society its purest, most useful members, and its loveliest aspect, are the reward of the philanthropy, benevolence, and zeal in the cause of Christ, which sustain that ministry. As they impart the hope of immortality, they attach us to heaven, and present the attestation of the Spirit of God to His own truth. Who would not feel it an honour in this cause to embark his talents and means, and incessantly add to both his fervent prayers? To our missionaries, peculiar trials sometimes occur, in the attempt to discharge their duties. Sometimes they are in trouble, in consequence of the hostility of evil men to the gospel. One of our missionaries gives us the following account. "Having an appointment in the court house at ———, a Roman Catholic was hired to keep the preacher and the people out of the court house. He accordingly took two guns, which he loaded, and swore that he would shoot the first preacher that darkened the door. Apprized of these movements, we met in the suburbs of the town, under the shade of a beautiful elm tree; where I blew the silver trumpet of the gospel to a crowd of attentive hearers. Being solicited to preach again, I consented, and expect to attend frequently in this destitute waste, to try to gather the stray sheep of the fold, and feed them."

In several instances appearances of revival have followed the labours of our missionaries; we have only room for that which occurred at Chicago, under the ministry of brother Thomas Powell, our missionary at Vermilionville, LaSalle county. "I have just completed the labour of fifteen days successive preach

ing with the church in Chicago; I found the church in a very low and dispirited condition. The Lord was pleased to smile upon the effort. Upwards of thirty professed to pass from death unto life; ten have been received for baptism, and ten have proposed themselves as candidates for a future opportunity. It is believed the remaining converts will follow. Brother Hinton has the peculiar pleasure of rejoicing over three of his own dear children among the converts, and also over seven young ladies, who, as attendants in his boarding school, are members of his family. The effects of this meeting are great; the most dubious were constrained to acknowledge the good hand of God, as producing them."

At least four of the missionaries hitherto in the employ of the society, are now either sustained by the churches to whom they preach, or sustain themselves, without depending upon appropriations from your treasury. On the subject of ministerial support, we beg leave to say, that it is no part of the object of the Society to attempt to support missionaries where churches are able themselves to sustain them. The Society, on the contrary, seeks the destruction of religious apathy, if it exists, and its prevention, if it does not, by exciting the churches, and those friendly to the support of the gospel ministry, to a healthful and liberal action on this subject. We think there are churches in this state, which are capable of deriving profit from an attentive consideration of this subject. To them, it is respectfully submitted, with the request, so to act upon it now, as to devise liberal things, that by liberal things they may stand.

Indiana. The Society have had during the current year, ten missionaries in Indiana. They labour in connexion with our auxiliary, the General Association of Indiana. Of this number, two will no longer depend upon the Parent Society for support. Brother William Rees will act as the agent of the association, and Brother Joshua Currier will be sustained by the people of his charge, at Millgrove, Steuben county.

So far as we are informed, the churches of this state have shared only to a limited extent, the prosperity, which during the year, has been enjoyed in some of her sister states. We fear that the cause of religion is low, or in the language of one of our correspondents, some of these churches being destitute, are "without life enough to look for a minister." This is greatly to be deplored. With a population, which probably exceeds four hundred thousand, including upwards of twelve thousand members of our churches, with a good right to a large share of public influence, with the Bible in their hands, and the cause of Christ in their hearts; why are not our dear brethren here more active in publishing the gospel to the destitute? This state is justly regarded as a very important mission field. The Committee have received several applications for the appointment of missionaries,

to which they regret that they have been able only to yield a partial compliance. Without the indications of the presence of the Divine benediction in its copiousness and power, one of our missionaries says, "although the additions were not large, yet the amount of good which has been done, can be calculated only by the worth of the soul, and by the duration of eternity; sinners were pricked in their hearts and converted to God; and the church awakened out of sleep to live to God."

We entirely concur in the opinion of our respected correspondent, that we need for the West men of talent, experience and deep piety; men, who will take hold of the plough and will not look back. We unite in his desire, that a host of such men as are adapted to command the largest amount of influence, may soon appear there. To put you in possession of the manner in which our missionaries strive to preach, we present the following quotation, from one of their number. "I do think it among the greatest enjoyments of my life, to hold forth the beauty, the glory, and the excellence of the dying love of the dear Saviour to perishing sinners, and to converse with them about Him. I am encouraged to go forward in the strength of the Lord; Oh! that He would make me more humble, faithful, and prayerful; that I might feel my dependence on Him for strength."

Our brethren have suffered severely, in some instances, in this state, from personal and domestic sickness. So greatly did this calamity prevail, that in some instances, religious meetings were not attempted for two or three months, and the dead were, it is said, buried without the least ceremony. One of the missionaries gives conclusive evidence of the interest and zeal with which he is engaged to preach Jesus Christ, by stating, that as he was not able for several years to procure a horse, he pursued his journey through bad roads on foot; and sometimes steered his course by a compass through the woods, to find the place of his appointment. "*I have,*" says he, "*several times travelled twelve miles out to preach, and back again the same day, and waded a stream, in which the water was more than knee deep; when the ground was covered with snow.*" After thus enduring hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ, until by constant exposure to wet and cold his limbs are stiffened," he says, "*he, at the age of fifty-eight years, sometimes travels on foot to fulfil his appointments, and feels the inconvenience the less, because he has been long accustomed to look beyond his world for support.*"

It would be superfluous to remark, that such men deserve our confidence; that they should find an interest in our prayers and liberally share our benefactions, is demanded by the superior devotedness, with which they perform duties which are arduous, and of the first importance to the community, and by their own pressing necessities. We doubt, if in any cause, the practice of

self-denial occurs so frequently, or so often amounts to a presentation of the body and soul, a living sacrifice to God, as in the cause of missions. We hope our friends at the West, and our contributors at the East, will see to it, that the hardships of ministers are not increased for want of means to sustain them.

We entirely concur in the opinion expressed by the General Association of this State, that "labourers are wanted to thrust in the sickle, and gather fruit unto eternal life. Error, under various garbs, is making rapid strides through the country, and many of our churches are in their destitute, divided, and languishing condition, exposed to its influence. What plan can be devised, in the present state of the Churches, better calculated to unite them in the faith of the gospel, and insure the speedy triumph of truth, than Home Missions? We answer none."

Ohio. The Society have, during the year, had eighteen missionaries in Ohio. It is pleasing to observe, a very great improvement in the prospects, and operations of the Convention of this State. Its board has been removed from Cincinnati to Granville; as has its useful paper, the Cross and Journal, likewise. This State presents a great and good field for missionary exertion. In some places the Churches languish, the people are uninstructed, destitute; of these, some seem scarcely sensible of their prostrate condition, while others, with argument and entreaty, present the imploring cry, "come over and help us."

The Committee consider the recent operations of the State Convention, as of great importance, not only because of the immediate good which will be done by a very great increase of means, with which it has been blessed, but, as also, putting the denomination in the State in possession of a knowledge of their very respectable resources, and by exhibiting to her neighbours of the Western sisterhood, the excellence of a well digested system of effective Village Preaching. This may be justly regarded as a proposal to take, and to possess, the strong positions of the State, in the name of the Lord: and as soon as the Society, and its useful auxiliaries, can carry this plan into effect, gladness will be diffused through all the ranks of our friends, and we will together thank God and take courage.

The labours of brother Reuben Winchell, who suggested the Village plan, have been very successful in its support. For this purpose we believe, he obtained a subscription of \$7,500, payable in five years, in equal annual payments. With the exception of a small portion of the year, brother Winchell performed the duties of his agency, under an appointment of the Convention. He found a great and an open door for usefulness here; he entered it, and found the prospects brightening every day. He says, "the Village plan is both needed and popular.—It is needed, to retrieve the Baptist cause in the principal places

in the State, to give the denomination a character, to weave the denomination together, and prepare them for every other good object, which may enlist their united and holiest energies."

One of our correspondents informs us, that being accustomed to distribute Tracts, "in some instances he found large families where a tract could not be read by any one of their number, and that he was obliged to rely entirely on oral communication of Bible truth. They must for sometime to come, rely upon the lips of the living teacher for instruction in religion and morals." It does not appear, that the number of revivals has during the year been great at our mission stations. Yet, in some instances, a very agreeable state of prosperity has resulted to the churches, from the instrumentality of our missionaries. We make with pleasure a few extracts. Brother J. L. Richmond, of Conneaut, Ashtabula county, informs us, "that the Lord has graciously revived his work in this village, and that he has had the pleasure of baptizing seventeen, and of receiving twenty-five by letter, experience, and restoration, and that, he expects others to come forward." Brother J. O. Birdsall, has experienced a pleasant state of things at Perrysburg, and he informs us, that he has had the pleasure of baptizing thirty-six persons. Brother T. R. Cressy, at Columbus, has found the Church revived, and has baptized thirty-seven. Brother Jacob Baily, of Richmond City, writes us, "immediately after entering on my labour, I commenced a tour of visiting indiscriminately, and soon found an increasing interest among professors on the subject of religion; and although I am not enjoying a revival, yet, there are some indications of one. I attend four or five religious meetings during the week, and they have been generally interesting."

The Committee are decidedly of the opinion, that the labours of the missionaries in Ohio, although, unrequited by very large accessions to the churches, have nevertheless been greatly beneficial. They think, that with a zeal commendable and exemplary, they have abounded in the work of the Lord. They anticipate from their augmented strength, more vigorous efforts to promote the cause of Christ, in the ensuing year; and pray that upon those efforts, the blessing of God may so copiously rest, that even the feeble may become strong, and the small one a strong nation.

Besides sustaining the missionaries, as above expressed, the Society has appropriated one hundred dollars, to assist the Rocky River Association in sustaining the ministry of the gospel.—This body is situated in the northern part of the State, and has in five years, increased from one hundred and sixty, to twelve hundred and fifty-eight members.

Michigan. The Society have had during the year, ten missionaries under appointment in this State. Their success has been restricted by the embarrassments, which have seriously

affected the business community generally. The disadvantages under which our brethren have laboured, have been met with a becoming spirit of fortitude; and with a zeal, which has sought to surmount them in the name of the Lord. A correspondent informs us, that the state of religion in Michigan, is in general low; but, he says, "that a number of the churches have through the mercy of God; received refreshing seasons and pleasing additions." Another correspondent writes, "I think the prospects of our denomination, are constantly brightening in this State. We have had some precious revivals during the winter." A brother from Mount Clemens, writes to us, "that God has been merciful to his Church in this place. On the first day of March, I commenced a succession of meetings, and God came down in power, so that almost the whole community were with one accord convened for the worship of God; inquiring what they must do to be saved. Truly it was a glorious exhibition of the grace of God. I have passed through very powerful revivals, but never witnessed one like this. But very few in that settlement, remain in an unconverted state. The influences of the Holy Spirit, were like a rushing mighty wind, sweeping alike the old man of fifty, or sixty years, and the child of ten, or twelve. As the fruits of this revival we have reason to hope that about fifty precious souls were converted." By the favour of a correspondent at Mount Vernon, we are informed, that such have been the displays of grace, that "the powers of darkness have not been able to make a successful resistance: that the word of God has triumphed, and been made mighty through Him, to the pulling down of strong holds: for the old man of more than threescore years, in common with the man of business, the gay and giddy youth, and the child have bowed beneath its power, and through the sanctifying influence of the Holy Spirit are now the joyful disciples of our crucified Redeemer."

Our missionaries encounter perils in their journey, and labour industriously. Brother Robert Powell, writes us as follows: "I rode to Medina, and collected some money; then to Greenville, in Ohio, wading marshes over my boots, and leading my horse, as I dared not to ride. I arrived on Saturday evening, and preached; and on Lord's day, I preached four times." In enduring exposure, privation and toil, they are cheered by the hope of usefulness which their various fields of labour present, and by the affectionate interest, which the people manifest in their ministry. Accustomed, as many have been, to hear the gospel, and desirous, as all are of the enjoyment of so great a blessing, they are unwilling to live without it. Living at distances remote from each other, at the time of the meeting, they are frequently seen, with all the interest of ardent expectation, hastening to assemble as to a feast of fat things.

Notwithstanding that the Convention of this State, and the Churches generally, have been able only to attain to a limited degree of usefulness during the current year, the Committee agree with their correspondents in the opinion, that prospects are improving, that better days are about to dawn on Michigan. Encouraged by the experience of the past, and by the hope of the future, they feel that this portion of the field which they seek to cultivate, invites to diligence, to liberality, and to prayerful perseverance ; and promises a reward in the gratified consciousness of doing good, in the salvation of souls, and in the unmeasured benediction of the Most High, which shall distinguish and honour devoted piety.

Wisconsin Territory. The Society have two missionaries in this newly settled country. It is, as yet, but partially known. A superior judge of mission fields tells us, that Wisconsin presents the most inviting field for Home Missions, which he ever witnessed. He asks the question, when will the eastern churches learn and feel the importance of Home Mission efforts? The destitution of the ministry is great ; we have but three preachers in eighteen counties. Society here is in its infancy, but it is the infancy of future greatness ; of this fact, the enterprise of the people, and their rapid increase by immigration, are conclusive proof. A convention was held on the 5th of last October, at Milwaukee, of delegates from the several Baptist churches of Central Wisconsin, for the purpose of forming a Baptist Association. The Convention agreed to form an association, adopted a constitution, and styled the newly organized body, the First Baptist Association of Wisconsin. Its constituent members were seven churches. Our brethren have but one frame meeting-house in the territory. In the language of our correspondent, " All are beginning the world anew, but prospects are good, and with the blessing of God, and some ministering brethren, to lay the foundation of Zion's walls here, a series of blessings will flow down to future generations in all ages." *Our ministers are encouraged by the attendance at their meetings, of persons who come from the distance of nine miles, and are drawn by oxen !*

Occupying this large field, and subject as they are, to the calls of a widely extended population, the services of our brethren must be generally those of itinerants. One of them has, to some extent, supplied four counties, and the other has evinced a good degree of activity in the field of his toils. The Committee entertain no doubt, on the subject of the importance of increasing the number of appointments to this new field, as soon as circumstances permit. Indeed, our missionary, Brother E. Mathews, writes earnestly, requesting us to send them help. He says, " Come brethren, do something more for Wisconsin ; do not let three of us labour alone ; encourage us by sending to our aid at least one missionary in the spring."

Iowa Territory. In this new and interesting Territory, the Society has but one missionary, Brother Alexander Evans. As this Territory is but partially known, it may be proper to remark, that it has sixteen organized counties, some of which are supposed to have a population of between four and five thousand. A correspondent, who is fully entitled by his long practised observation to confidence, informs us, that "It is of essential importance that the Executive Committee should have their attention directed to this new field, ripe, fully ripe, for a glorious harvest. The population are intelligent and enterprising, and will 'go a head' in some form; and if truth does not get immediate foothold, error will. A dozen active missionaries at least, are needed in this territory. At a small expense a foundation may be laid, on which a glorious superstructure may be reared. Population at the rate of two or three hundred per day, are coming in. I have never before seen a country, in so short a space of time, turned from a wilderness into fine farms. What a field for cultivation!"

The entire population of the Territory is estimated at twenty-five thousand souls, and we are informed by a resident correspondent, that there is but one Baptist preacher in it, and he is located two hundred and fifty miles south of his residence. Several families, who removed thither three or four years since, have heard but one sermon from a Baptist preacher in all that time. The Committee have been solicited to make appointments to Iowa, but neither the funds in the treasury, nor the prospect of funds to be supplied, has been such as to admit of their compliance.

At Dubuque, to which we have been solicited to appoint a missionary, the population is about one thousand in town, and the country is thickly settled. In this vicinity, we are told, there are about twenty members. Our correspondent says, "We think a pious and energetic brother of our faith and order, could do much; the people are favourable to the Baptist cause, and ask why we do not form a church; but we can only answer, we have no leader; we have no one to bind us into a bond of brotherhood, and to preach unto us the words of eternal life."

Brother A. Evans, your missionary, has baptized several persons at different places in the field of his labours; which is necessarily for the present, in the absence of auxiliaries, too large to permit him to devote much labour to any one place. He considers his congregations good, and has been much engaged in "visiting and trying to soothe the sorrows of the sick bed, with the consolations of the gospel." It is probably not to be expected that we shall reap much from this field of lively promise, until we sow more bountifully the good seed. When, dear brethren, shall we awake to the increasing importance of the great work of

preaching Jesus Christ to the great and rapidly increasing population of our country, and of the provinces in its vicinity?

Upper Canada. In this province, the Society have eight missionaries. Very serious interruptions of their labours, and limitations of their success, have been suffered, in consequence of the political and warlike troubles, which have afflicted the province. Yet so far as circumstances permitted, our brethren have prosecuted their labours with zeal, although, amidst many discouragements. In many instances the great anxiety produced by the horrors of war, by the disruption or suspension of business, in connexion with the relaxation of morals, not easily avoided, in a state of actual warfare, have caused religion to languish. Alarmed by the dangers of war, many have sought a more secure abode, and thus by removal, the churches and congregations are weakened. The Upper Canada Baptist Magazine, a useful periodical, which was issued by their Convention, is for the present suspended. In this portion of the great field occupied by the Society, the evil influence of Romanism, is in some instances severely felt; and in all, so far as it obtains, it prevents inquiry, and substituting a blind and bigoted attachment to error, for the light and love of truth, it leads the deluded votary on in darkness, to an inextricable depth in pravity and wo. With this evil, whose name is monster, and the cognomen of whose multitudinous agencies is legion, our brethren in Upper Canada have to contend.

In consequence of the absence of brother William Rees, the agent of the Society, on a voyage to England, brother John Oakley, was appointed to the agency in Upper Canada. He entered upon the duties of his agency, travelled extensively among the churches, and from house to house, exciting the brethren to an increased activity, but was not privileged to find the churches in a gratifying state of religious improvement, or, much disposed by the contribution of their means, to sustain those exertions in which as a people they had engaged. This is justly attributable to the general paralysis, which has been produced by the war. He found the destitution great, and the desire for missionaries prevalent and anxious.

One of our correspondents informs us of a very agreeable state of things at Toronto. He says, "Our church is growing in grace, and in the knowledge of Jesus Christ; and their works of faith and labours of love are more abundant. Our Sabbath school classes are increasing, and the children are making progress in the knowledge of divine things. Our congregation still continues as large as usual, and we hope, truth is making impressions on their minds, never to be eradicated."

The Committee think that our brethren here, have peculiar *claims on our sympathy, prayers, and benefactions.* These arise out of their local circumstances, their being subjected to

public commotion ; from the imperfection of their denominational organization, and their consequent defective co-operation, and, from the very low state of religion among them. Although, not of our own nation, they are our near neighbours, speak our language, and belong to the household of faith. In their midst are souls ready to perish, equally precious with those of others ; let us then, continue and abound in the work of preaching Jesus Christ to them, as the way of life.

Lower Canada. During the year, the Society have had seven missionaries in Lower Canada. These, with a single exception, have been sustained by the Vermont Baptist State Convention. Of the six missionaries sustained by the Convention, five have laboured in this province the entire year, and brother Jonathan Baldwin, about four months. He subsequently performed the duties of a collecting agency, in Vermont, for the Convention. These brethren labour under the direction of the Convention. As we are but poorly advised about the operations of our brethren in Lower Canada, we avail ourselves of the report of our auxiliary, the Convention in the State of Vermont. The Lower Canada mission, now includes nine churches, two of which have been organized during the past year. These nine churches, contain upwards of four hundred members, and exert a very salutary influence in the places where they are located. Some of these churches will need aid for several years ; others will soon sustain themselves. Your Lower Canada missionaries, besides organizing two churches, have ordained one evangelist, and baptized about twenty persons. They all speak of the unfavourable influence, arising from political excitement, which has greatly impeded their labours.

Brother Peter Chase is sustained by the parent Society, for a limited period, in this Province. He listened to the repeated solicitations of his destitute brethren, and said that they must have help. As brother Chase was but recently appointed, we are not yet advised of his labours. With the anticipated return of political tranquillity, the probability of larger measures of success in the Province, will encourage our brethren to redouble their exertions, and we trust a gracious Providence will mete out to them a large reward, in the promotion and enjoyment of religion, and in the salvation of souls.

DEPUTATION TO ENGLAND.

Brother William Rees, of Brantford, Upper Canada, and brother James Johnston, of Drummondville, of the same Province, having been deputed by the Upper Canada Baptist Convention, to England, to solicit funds for the establishment of a literary and theological Institution at Beamesville, in that Province, they visited New York, about the middle of July, ultimo, and

made known to the Executive Committee the object of their mission to England. Providential circumstances prevented brother Johnston from embarking, and induced him to return to Canada. The Executive Committee, fully apprized of the great importance of supplying the Canadas with an intelligent and pious ministry, which should be educated in that country, went into the consideration of the subject, to promote which, the deputation had been sent to them. They were gratified to learn, that the liberality of brother John Beames, of Beamesville, had induced him to offer the Baptist denomination a hundred acres of land, suitably situated for the purpose of erecting and sustaining a literary and theological Institution, if means could be obtained to accomplish that object. Believing, that it is desirable to secure the above property to the cause of ministerial education in Canada, the Committee entertained the subject of the deputation, with peculiar interest; and brother Charles G. Sommers, a member of the Executive Committee, was affectionately and earnestly desired to associate himself with the deputation, as a representative of the American Baptist Home Mission Society; believing, that should the deputation be successful, it would secure the promotion of sound knowledge, and pure religion in the British dependencies in North America.

Brother Sommers, complied with the solicitation of the Committee, and the deputation embarked for England; and conducted by Him, who holds and controls the winds and the waves of the ocean, arrived safely.

Upon their arrival, our brethren were kindly received by the brethren upon whom they called; and they were afforded an opportunity of presenting the object of their mission to the Committee of the Baptist Canadian Mission Society, in London. That Committee felt so much interest in the deputation, as kindly to entertain the propositions which our brethren respectfully presented to them; and the Committee issued a printed circular, addressed to the denomination in England, to excite their united liberality in behalf of the contemplated Institution at Beamesville. The circular says, "that the Canadas have peculiar claims, and that christians in this country, (England,) ought deeply to feel the urgent nature of the present appeal, admits not of a question;" and affectionately recommends the object which the deputation sought to promote, to the churches throughout the land.

Brother Sommers, having fully performed the service contemplated in his appointment, returned to his pastoral avocations, and to his official duties as an officer of the American and Foreign Bible Society. He left brother Rees to carry out in detail the business of the deputation. As in its introduction, this had *been welcomed by the London Committee, and had received a public expression of their warm commendation, every thing*

looked auspicious ; but the political perturbations in Canada soon ensued ; and brother Rees returned to the United States.— There is, however, reason to believe, that an impression was made upon the minds of our brethren, in Great Britain, favourable alike to the cause of American Home Missions, and of ministerial education. It may be proper here to observe, that, as our brethren in England, are the well known, enlightened, and liberal friends of intelligence ; and more particularly, of intelligence connected with piety, holding forth its light upon the pathway of the bewildered and benighted, and guiding them to Jesus Christ and to heaven ; and, as in this instance, these advantages are sought for the people of their own Province, the hope is still indulged, that at an early day, propitious circumstances will give facilities to their liberality, and that in the name of the God of Israel, they will arise and build.

APPLICATIONS FOR AID.

Of these the Committee have received a large number, with which in consequence of their limited funds, they have been under the disagreeable necessity of refusing to comply. It would have been to them, a most felicitous circumstance, if the state of their treasury had admitted of their ready and generous compliance. Indeed, convinced as they are, of the importance of several States in our own happy confederacy, in which the Society has few, or no missionaries, it has given them pain, that they have not been able to respond to their requests for appropriations, with such a degree of liberality, as is demanded by the destitution of their brethren, and fellow citizens. The Committee sympathize with their brethren ; their sensibilities have been frequently excited, when, in reply to most imploring requests for aid to support a minister in towns, counties, or even larger sections of country, in which in some instances, there was no preaching, they have been under the necessity of saying, our funds are exhausted ; we cannot assist you. Conceive to yourselves brethren, the little band in the far West, having heard of the Society, hope is enkindled, that although they dwell far from the house of God, they may yet be permitted to hear the gospel. They assemble together, form a prayer meeting to ask of God a minister. They address a letter to the Society ; the time for the hoped for reply approaches ; every mail is watched, examined ; it is an hour of thrilling interest ; the eye sparkles, the bosom heaves with hope ; the letter arrives, the seal is broken, the heart palpitates between hope and fear, the letter is read, and sadness is diffused throughout an entire region, because they are not permitted to hear of heaven ; and *they fear they may not learn the way.*

TEXAS.

There is something in the commencement of national existence, involving as it does, the weal or woe of a large number of individuals, that gives it a supreme importance; and presents to philanthropic desire and effort, every thing which is precious in human life, attainment, or happiness. In the birth of a nation, it is both natural and amiable, that large portions of the species regard the last born with an intensity of interest, which is multiplied into the opportunities which are afforded of doing them good. When therefore, a nation just in the attitude of assuming its place in the family of civil communities, is willing to receive, and earnestly implores, the best means of moulding itself to the noblest degrees of exalted virtue, it is a felicitous circumstance. That Texas has sought from the Society the gospel ministry, is publicly known. Your Committee felt no indifference on this subject. It was arranged last autumn, that a well known and experienced pioneer, in the service of the Society, brother David Orr, of Arkansas, should visit Texas.—For the performance of this important duty, he made his arrangements, but was nevertheless, as he believes, providentially prevented from going thither.

To this country, if the denomination should place the necessary funds in the treasury, the Society will doubtless feel pleasure in sending the ministers of reconciliation. An early and liberal effort in its behalf, might not only be effectual, with regard to the generations which are to construct its future greatness, but may also give to the cause of missions an enlightened, and a mighty auxiliary in the work of evangelizing the nations. Such an attempt to preach the gospel in Texas in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, would be instrumental in the salvation of souls, and would thus find an infinite reward.

TREASURY.

The Committee avail themselves of this opportunity, to express their gratitude to their numerous benefactors and auxiliaries, to whom they have during the past year, been indebted for means to sustain the operations of the Society. They think, their appropriations have been productive of great practical utility. It is not conceived to be incompatible with this expression of grateful acknowledgment, to say, that the various and imperious calls, which are constantly reaching us from the different parts of the wide field of the Society's operations, demand a much larger sum than has ever been placed at our disposal. From the piety and intelligence, the zeal and liberality of the denomination, the induction is as natural, and easy, as it is pleasant, to conclude, that our treasury will be replenished and increased. It will give the Committee great pleasure to see all

the friends of the Society making full proof of the soundness of this induction. As the ability of the Society to be useful, is, so far as the appointment and support of the missionaries is concerned, resolved into its pecuniary ability; and as they cannot preach unless they be sent, it will be perceived, that the continuance and enlargement of the Society's operations, depends essentially on the liberality of its friends. As it would be presumptuous to hope to do good, without attempting to do it, and as the attempt cannot be made, without the necessary means, the subject of supplying our treasury adequately, is of primary consequence. We know our brethren are too much attached to the promulgation of the gospel, to relax in their exertions to send it to every creature. Our hope and confidence rest on the promises of God, to whom belong the silver and the gold; on the good to be achieved in publishing the gospel; and, on the magnanimous liberality of a people, who having in modern times been first in the cause of missions, will never desert it.

The Treasurer's Report, herewith submitted to the Society, renders any particularity in our statement in this place unnecessary. We refer you to that report, for the amount received and disbursed since the last anniversary of the Society.

TRACTS.

Your Committee feel an enlarged confidence, in the great practical utility of these excellent publications. With great plainness of speech, yet with a neatness, which is frequently exchanged, for the highest accomplishments of eloquence and of style, they embody those arguments which present the force of truth to the mind; they are, therefore, adapted to render the most important subjects pleasing, and to persuade men to believe in Christ. The missionaries of the Society, have felt great pleasure in the circulation of these messengers of truth. In consequence, however, of very limited facilities, with which to procure them, they have been in some instances, confined in this branch of their useful labours to the small quantities which they could afford to purchase. This was a subject of regret.

During the current year, the American Tract Society, has with a munificent liberality, placed at the disposal of the Society for distribution by its missionaries, *six hundred and fifty thousand pages of its tracts*. The orders for these have been generously furnished, and as they have been forwarded, they have been put into circulation: except in such instances as denied our brethren the opportunity of availing themselves of this advantage, by the great distances at which they laboured from a depository.

To the Baptist General Tract Society, we have again been indebted for a very liberal grant of tracts. We have deeply to re-

gret, that the difficulty of transmitting them to our missionaries, has prevented us from putting into circulation these very useful auxiliaries to the mission cause. Our brethren did not specify the number of pages for which we were allowed to be indebted to them, but left the demands of the cause, and our facilities to comply with them, to define the measure of their liberality in this instance of its exercise.

Our missionaries have, in their correspondence generally and gratefully acknowledged the very timely and generous aid thus afforded them. While we respectfully tender to these Societies our acknowledgments, we express the hope, that the community will record and hold in grateful recollection, societies which graduate their appropriations to the requisitions of a population already large, yet rapidly increasing; surrounded by dangers, and threatened with death. We hope that the lovers of liberality will take care, that as these societies have devised liberal things, they may by liberal things stand.

The Committee also gratefully acknowledge the receipt, by their deputation to England, of three volumes of the *Missionary Herald*, three volumes of the *Periodical Accounts*, and one volume of *News from Afar*, the gift of the Baptist Missionary Society in London.

They have placed them on their shelves, and consider them an acquisition.

CONCLUSION.

1. In concluding this report, we solicit you to continue and abound in the work of Home Missions, because the religion of Christ, which you are seeking to promote, contains the principle of a boundless improvement, and conducts us to a moral elevation so high, that the transitions from glory to glory, are made by the Spirit of God.

In making these great attainments, that is, in passing from all that is sinful and pernicious, to the possession of holiness, and of every useful acquisition, the best talents are most usefully employed, while the amiable and lovely virtues receive their appropriate exercise, and multiplying themselves into every degree of holy attainment, which is given to diligence and prayer, they shine with a lustre, which is never surpassed, even in the "way of life, which is to the wise above, that he may escape from hell beneath." True it is, that the vale of death lies stretched out before us in unmeasured extent. It is also true, that standing amidst the dead, we see that they are "very many and very dry:" yet prophesying in the name of the Lord, even the dead arise and live before Him.

Religion is the great purifier of civil society; it cannot co-exist with impurity. It is the great principle of a noble moral action; it cannot dwell with inertia. Beginning with the pu-

rification of the heart, it extends its holy influence to all the faculties, and adorns the life, by advancing it to the utmost improbability allowed to our nature. Publish then, this blessed system, until life and purity descend from heaven, animate the breasts and distinguish the lives of our fellow men ; and constitute our country the joy of the whole earth, the paradise in which God converses and dwells with men.

3. To a continuance in this work with indefatigable zeal, we are strongly solicited, by the existence of well adapted means for its advancement.

The treasures of Potosi and Peru, the physical and moral world, the human family, the persons, the souls, the resources of men, all belong to the Most High God, the possessor of heaven and earth. They are His, by the most original, and indefeasible right ; the right by creation ; to which no right can be prior, or superior. Having purposed the salvation of sinners by Jesus Christ, He will employ the foolishness of preaching to make them acquainted with the doctrines of the cross, and sustain this ministry by every necessary means.

The employment of means does not interfere with the Sovereignty of God, in the salvation of men. When Peter preached on the day of Pentecost, and the assembly heard him gladly, neither his preaching, nor their hearing, prevented the descending influence of the Holy Spirit, which, having turned them to the Prince Messiah, moved them with one consent to be baptized, and to be steadfast in Christ. When the Ethiopian listened to the preaching of Philip, or, when Lydia attended to the things which Paul said, no interposing influence denied the presence of the finger of God, to open the heart in the latter case, nor to prevent the gift of faith in the former, to a child of Ethiopia. On the contrary, in these, and in similar instances, the connexion of the means which were used, with the result which ensued, was so immediate and appropriate, as to show an interesting relationship between them, the result of a Divine and firmly established organization. We believe it has never been suspected, that the husbandman, in committing his seed to the prepared earth, in obedience to a law of Providence, which is everywhere recognised, opposed such law by sowing, although it were bountifully ; nor, by waiting in hope of harvest, although it were promised.

We conclude in the language of a great writer, " that in both the material and intellectual system, *God works by means*, and that according to a settled order of Divine administration." As God has made " the universe His magazine of means," let the missionary host go forth over the length and breadth of the land ; thankful, that means exist so simple, that all may understand them ; so numerous, that they may be found everywhere ; and so well adapted to accomplish the noblest end, that even feebleness may publish the gospel, until it becomes the power of God to salvation.

3. Allow us to urge your continuance in this work, with a reliance upon the Spirit of God for success.

It is no part of the work which God requires us to perform, that we go forth in the spirit of the self-sufficient. If in that spirit, we attempt to publish the gospel, we oppose it; and by our unskilfulness, and unfaithfulness, expose it to those who are opposed to missions. It ought to excite no surprise therefore, if we are rebuked and defeated, that we may learn that pride is our weakness. If in the work of Home Missions, there is such a reliance upon the Spirit of God, as that work demands, we will ask, and He will give us his Spirit.

This is a subject on which an American Home Mission Society may dwell with propriety, as in modern times, it has pleased God in this country, to give His Spirit to His children in large measures; and with remarkable frequency. This has blessed our churches with revivals, awakened the missionary flame, and excited our brethren to benevolent and holy activity. This Spirit, has already rewarded our toils; nor will his influences cease, until the missionary host goes forth into all the world, and there arises under their ministry, an exceeding great multitude; all inhaling the breath of life; all with lively gratitude, singing the praises of Him who hath redeemed them unto God by his blood. Dwelling as we do in the land of the second, the greater pentecost, and having felt its reviviscence, and shared its gifts of life and joy, let us pray for their diffusion to all men.

4. Lastly, the encouragements to duty, and the assurance of success, which the Scriptures present, furnish unspeakably strong inducements to preach the gospel to the poor and destitute.

This cannot but be agreeable to God, for he has commanded that it be preached to all men, and blesses its faithful ministration. Of this, the proof is given in those blessed revivals, which have constituted the best of this world's days, in the prosperity of the churches, and in the triumph of truth. The truth shall be conducted to victory, by a power which nothing can vanquish. The spirit of missions which is the Spirit of God, acting upon the ministration of the gospel, is mighty and will prevail. He will make the gospel the medium of eternal life to a countless multitude of souls, and in the language of an orator of our own country, "it will take hold of both poles, it will seize the nadir and grasp the zenith," it will take and keep possession of the world, until its history shall be complete and its days are numbered; until the Prince Messiah shall come in the clouds of heaven, and occupy the throne of infinite dominion.

JOHN C. MURPHY, *Secretary.*

TREASURER'S REPORT.

*The AMERICAN BAPTIST HOME MISSION SOCIETY, in acc't with R. W. MARTIN,
Treasurer.*

				Dr.
To amount paid on drafts to Missionaries, Agents, and Secretaries, since last Report				\$12,092 22
"	Postages, exchanges, and travelling expenses			616 68
"	Printing last Report, Quarterly Paper and Certificates			351 65
"	To rent of office			225 00
"	To Loans paid off			4,400 00
"	Balance in notes and drafts	645	75	
"	" Cash	389	54	
				<hr/> 1,035 29
				<hr/> \$18,720 84
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By Receipts from State Conventions, Societies, Individuals, &c.				
Maine, donations from individuals				\$93 92
New-Hampshire, from State Convention	81	87		
" individuals	222	21		
				<hr/> 304 08
Vermont, from individuals				6 12
Massachusetts, from State Convention	500	00		
" individuals	56	00		
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Connecticut, from State Convention	175	00		
" individuals	80	00		
				<hr/> 255 00
Rhode Island, from State Convention	80	00		
" individuals	296	25		
				<hr/> 376 25
New-York, from State Convention	4047	20		
" individuals and societies	2240	74		
				<hr/> 6287 94
New-Jersey, from Individuals and churches				538 08
Pennsylvania do do				588 80
Virginia do do				1680 62
Maryland do do				105 00
District of Columbia do do				232 00
Ohio do do				472 22
North Carolina do do				244 17
South Carolina do do				1180 80
Georgia do do				146 00
Mississippi and Alabama do do				1338 50
Tennessee do do				301 85
Illinois do do				72 00
Kentucky do do				53 75
Missouri do do				100 00
Upper Canada do do				16 00
Annual Meeting, collection and donations				249 46
Loans and Discounts				3,375 79
Various sources unknown				146 49
				<hr/> \$18,720 84

THE EIGHTH REPORT
OF THE
AMERICAN
BAPTIST HOME MISSION SOCIETY,

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PRESENTED BY THE
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

AT THE
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CONSTITUTION

OF THE

AMERICAN BAPTIST HOME MISSION SOCIETY.

ARTICLE I. This Society shall be called the **AMERICAN BAPTIST HOME MISSION SOCIETY**.

ARTICLE II. The great object of this Society shall be to promote the preaching of the Gospel in North America.

ARTICLE III. Any person may become a member of this Society by contributing annually to its funds : thirty dollars paid at one time shall constitute a member for life ; one hundred dollars paid at one time shall constitute a director for life ; and any person on paying a sum which, in addition to any previous contribution, shall amount to one hundred dollars, shall be a director for life ; and any Baptist Church or Association, or State Convention, or Missionary Society, that contributes annually to the objects of this Society, shall be entitled to be represented by one or more delegates in its annual meetings.

ARTICLE IV. The officers of this Society shall be a President, Vice-Presidents, a Treasurer, an Auditor, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, and fifty Directors, who shall be annually appointed by the Society.

ARTICLE V. The Officers and Life-Directors shall appoint an Executive Committee of thirteen persons, exclusive of the Treasurer, the Corresponding Secretary, the Recording Secretary and Auditor, residing in the city of New-York and its vicinity. The Treasurer, the Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, and Auditor, shall be members *ex-officio* of the Executive Committee, five of whom shall be a quorum at any meeting regularly convened. This Committee shall have power to appoint its own meetings, form its own rules of business, and fill any vacancies which may occur during the year, and convene special meetings of the Board and of the Society ; shall appoint missionaries, and instruct them as to the field and manner of their labours ; shall dispose of the funds for the objects of the Society, provided that all moneys contributed for any specific purpose shall be faithfully applied only to that particular object ; shall create such agency or agencies for the appointment of missionaries and for other purposes as the interests of the Society may require ; and shall make an annual report of their proceedings to the Society. All the Officers, Executive Committee, Agents and Missionaries of the Society shall be members of some regular Baptist Church, in general union with the body of that denomination.

ARTICLE VI. The Treasurer shall give bonds to such amount as the Executive Committee shall think proper.

ARTICLE VII. Any Baptist Missionary Society may become auxiliary, by agreeing to pay into the treasury of this Society the whole of its surplus funds, and sending to the Corresponding Secretary a copy of its constitution and annual reports, mentioning the names of its missionaries, and the fields of their operations.

ARTICLE VIII. Every Auxiliary Society who shall agree to pay the whole of its funds to this Society, shall be entitled to a missionary or missionaries, to labour in such field as it may designate, to an amount at least equal to that of its contributions ; provided such designation be made at the time of payment.

ARTICLE IX. The officers of Auxiliary Societies shall be *ex-officio* Directors of this Society, and their members shall be members of this Society.

ARTICLE X. The annual meeting of the Society shall be held at such time and place as the Society shall determine at a previous annual meeting, or as the Executive Committee shall determine.

ARTICLE XI. No alteration of this Constitution shall be made without an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members present at an annual meeting ; nor, unless the same shall have been proposed at a previous annual meeting, or recommended by the Executive Committee.

MINUTES OF THE EIGHTH ANNIVERSARY.

The American Baptist Home Mission Society held its Eighth Anniversary in the Baptist Tabernacle, New-York, on Tuesday afternoon, April 28th, 1840.

The President, Heman Lincoln, of Mass., took the chair at three o'clock, and the meeting was opened with prayer by brother Rufus Babcock, Jr., of New-York, and a short, appropriate address by the President.

The Recording Secretary being absent, brother S. J. Drake, of New-Jersey, was appointed Secretary pro tem.

Ministering brethren present, not being delegates to the Society, were invited to a seat, to aid in its deliberations.

A Committee on elections was appointed, consisting of brethren Welsh of New-Jersey, Leonard of Pennsylvania, Wilbur of Delaware, and Binney of Georgia.

A Committee on nominations was appointed, consisting of brethren William Colgate, of New-York, G. B. Ide, of Pennsylvania, J. B. Taylor, of Virginia, J. C. Welsh, of Rhode Island, and George F. Adams, of Maryland.

The Treasurer, R. W. Martin, read his Report, accompanied with the certificate of J. R. Ludlow, the Auditor, of its correctness : which was accepted and directed to be printed with the minutes.

The Committee on Elections reported the following list of delegates from auxiliary bodies, as entitled to seats in the Society, which report was accepted, and the names of delegates directed to be printed, viz :

From the New-Hampshire State Convention, E. B. Smith.

Massachusetts State Convention, E. Thresher.

Rhode Island State Convention, G. B. Peck, M. M. Dean, W. Hague, J. Dowling, and J. C. Welsh.

First Baptist Church, Providence, R. I., M. M. Dean.

Connecticut State Convention, John Cookson, R. Turnbull, R. Jennings.

Norwich Mission Society, Conn., M. G. Clark.

New-York State Convention, N. Kendrick, John Peck, L. Leonard, John Smitzer.

Chenango Association, N. Y., A. Wheelock, William W. Everts, E. E. L. Taylor.

Dutchess Association, N. Y., N. Benedict, J. Bevan.

Staten Island Church, N. Y., Samuel White, Thomas Winnill.

Oliver-street Female Home Mission Society, S. H. Cone, J. R. Ludlow, R. Pegg.

New-Jersey State Convention, M. J. Rhees, J. E. Welsh, P. P. Runyon, J. Rogers, G. S. Webb, S. J. Drake, D. B. Stout, W. Maul, J. G. Collom.

First Baptist Church, Newark, N. J., William Sym.

Sussex Association, N. J., I. Moore, T. C. Teasdale, S. Gamell.

Pennsylvania State Convention, J. M. Linnard, G. B. Ide, J. H. Kennard, A. D. Gillett, B. R. Loxley, J. Read, J. Jenkins, E. Barker, W. W. Kean, D. Dodge.

Maryland Union Association, George F. Adams, William Crane.

Baptist General Association of Virginia, J. B. Taylor.

General Association of Kentucky, I. Elliot, John S. Waller.

LIFE DIRECTORS PRESENT.

Rufus Babcock, Jr.,
Spencer H. Cone,
John Cookson,
William Colgate,
William Crane,
Daniel Dodge,
John Dowling,
S. J. Drake,
Thomas T. Devan,
Daniel Eldrige,
A. D. Gillette,
William Hague,
B. M. Hill.
George B. Ide,

Henry Jackson,
Heman Lincoln,
Howard Malcom,
John A. Miller,
Stephen B. Munn,
John C. Murphy,
Joel Marble,
W. Parkinson,
C. G. Sommera,
John Smitzer,
J. B. Taylor,
B. T. Welsh,
J. C. Welsh,

Extracts from the Annual Report of the Executive Committee were read by brother B. M. Hill, the Corresponding Secretary.

The following resolutions were unanimously adopted :

1st. On motion of brother M. J. Rhees, of New-Jersey, seconded by brother J. Cookson, of Connecticut.

Resolved, That the Report, extracts from which have just been read, be accepted and printed, under the direction of the Executive Committee.

2d. On motion of brother H. Malcom, of New-York, seconded by brother W. Hague, of Rhode Island.

Resolved, That believing the gospel of the grace of God to be pre-eminently adapted to promote the best interests of the human family, we regard the commencement of a mission in Texas, by the Society, with emotions of peculiar interest, as extending the knowledge of salvation to the youngest of the sisterhood of civil communities, and exciting high expectations of an early and permanent establishment of the kingdom of Christ in that Republic.

3d. On motion of brother J. B. Taylor, of Virginia, seconded by brother A. D. Gillett, of Pennsylvania.

Resolved, That the course of usefulness pursued by the American Baptist Home Mission Society, since its organization, is calculated to endear it to the friends of missions ; and the increasing, urgent, and affecting demands upon their treasury call for a greatly increased liberality on the part of all who desire the spread of Christ's kingdom in our beloved country.

The presentation of the foregoing resolutions was accompanied by very appropriate addresses by brethren Rhees, Hague, Cone and others ; to which the numerous audience listened with an attention that showed a deep interest in the cause of Home Missions.

The Committee on nominations presented the following list of names, which was accepted, and the brethren named were duly elected officers of the Society for the ensuing year, viz :

President.

HEMAN LINCOLN, of Massachusetts.

Vice-Presidents.

m, Upper Canada.	Joseph Miles, Pennsylvania.
Lower Canada.	William Crane, Maryland.
Nova Scotia.	James Wilson, "
r, Maine.	I. Withers, District of Columbia.
New-Hampshire.	Jesse Snead, Virginia.
Vermont.	V. M. Mason, "
"	Thomas Meredith, North Carolina.
can, Massachusetts.	I. K. Griffin, South Carolina.
teller, "	Thomas Stocks, Georgia.
iggs, "	Edward D. King, Alabama.
Rhode Island.	Thomas N. King, Mississippi.
onnecticut.	Morgan Bryan, Louisiana.
New-York.	James H. Marshall, Tennessee.
rey, "	C. Wingate, Kentucky.
ed, "	Jeremiah Vardeman, Missouri.
erton, "	B. F. Edwards, Illinois.
lay, "	Jesse L. Holman, Indiana.
on, New-Jersey.	Jonathan Going, Ohio.
pool, "	F. Dunlavy, "
ard, Pennsylvania.	Luther D. Barker, "
an, "	Caleb Eldred, Michigan.

BENJAMIN M. HILL, *Corresponding Secretary.*
 HORATIO LEONARD, *Corresponding Secretary.*
 RUNYON W. MARTIN, *Treasurer.*
 JOHN R. LUDLOW, *Auditor.*

Directors.

gs, New-Hampshire.	William Sym, New-Jersey.
ison, Vermont.	Daniel Dodge, Pennsylvania.
"	H. G. Jones, "
Massachusetts.	J. H. Kennard, "
"	William Jones, Delaware.
"	Stephen P. Hill, Maryland.
"	Stephen Chapin, District of Columbia.
"	J. B. Jeter, Virginia.
nd, Jr., Rhode Island.	William B. Johnson, South Carolina.
"	Richard Fuller, "
"	William T. Brantly, "
iley, Connecticut.	Jesse Mercer, Georgia.
"	Basil Manly, Alabama.
drick, New-York.	Robert T. Daniel, Mississippi.
"	William Settle, Arkansas.
"	R. B. C. Howell, Tennessee.
"	F. A. Willard, Kentucky.
l, "	W. T. Broadbush, "
"	R. T. Dillard, "
"	T. P. Green, Missouri.
rd, "	J. M. Peck, Illinois.
"	Thomas Powell, "
k, Jr., "	T. R. Cressy, Ohio.
New-Jersey.	S. W. Lynd, "
"	John Booth, Michigan.

Executive Committee.

Spencer H. Cone, *Chairman*.
 Charles G. Sommers.
 George Benedict,
 Jacob H. Brouner,
 William R. Williams,
 Silas Illsley,
 Aaron Perkins,

William W. Everts,
 William Colgate,
 William Winterton,
 John A. Miller,
 James H. Townsend,
 Roger Pegg.

Benjamin M. Hill,
 Horatio Leonard,
 Runyon W. Martin,
 John R. Ludlow, } *Ex-Officio.*

Adjourned to meet in this house at half-past seven o'clock, to hear the Annual Sermon.

Prayer by brother Smith, of New-Hampshire.

MEETING OF OFFICERS AND LIFE DIRECTORS.

After the adjournment of the Society, the officers and Life Directors assembled at the call of the President, and elected an Executive Committee, and their Chairman, whose names appear with the list of officers.

In the evening, the Society assembled according to adjournment, accompanied with an audience that filled the spacious house of worship occupied on the occasion.

Brother George B. Ide, of Philadelphia, preached the Annual Sermon from Isaiah lx. 1. "Arise, shine; for thy light has come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee."

At the close of the sermon, the Corresponding Secretary made a brief statement of the operations of the Society; the character and qualifications of missionaries in its employ, and some affecting illustrations of their self-denial and devotedness to the cause. After which a collection was taken for the benefit of the Society.

This Anniversary meeting was characterized by great unanimity of feeling and action among the members, and a development of increased interest in the cause of Home Missions throughout the denomination represented on the occasion.

S. J. DRAKE, *Secretary, pro tem.*

A N N U A L R E P O R T.

The anniversaries of religious bodies are memorable events. As the vigilant warrior, after a day of battle, ascends the eminence whence he can overlook the whole field, acquaint himself with his own and his enemies' position, the strong and weak points of both, and make his dispositions for further operations, so those bodies, on such occasions, may retrospectively examine their annual proceedings, judge of the wisdom of their measures, and learn many results of their counsels; while prospectively, assisted by past experience, they may employ an improved judgment in devising arrangements for the future.

Such is the nature of our present interview. It is to review our Home Missionary transactions of the past year—to arrange plans for that to come. In approaching this work your Executive Committee would not forget the great responsibility of their station, arising from the relation they sustain to the Society, and to the recipients of its bounty. They would hope to make it appear that, as servants of the one, they have been faithful, as friends of the other they have been kind, and as the medium of communication between both they have been useful. Nor would they overlook their accountability to Him who, having required them to "occupy" till He come, has already reviewed the whole work Himself, and written his approbation or disapprobation on the tablets of his unfailing memory.

The Committee, in presenting their eighth Annual Report, would first of all acknowledge with grateful feelings to the God of all grace, his preserving goodness towards them, while many others have fallen victims of the king of terrors: especially as the ties which bound them in official relationship to one who long occupied a place with them in the committee are sundered, and other coadjutors in the Society have yielded to the common lot of man.

DEATHS.

Brother Timothy R. Green is no longer a sojourner upon earth. Associated with the labours of your Committee from the earliest existence of the Society, he had, by his unusual ripeness

of judgment, his business habits and his christian consistency, secured for himself the affectionate esteem of his brethren. With several of the chief benevolent societies of the day he was connected as a director, but in none did he feel a more lively interest than in this; in none was he more active or useful. He had gone to "the South," with no idea of immediate danger, but there sunk under the rapid progress of disease, amid great bodily weakness; enjoying a serene and humble hope in Christ. His end was peace.

Brother S. M. Noel, of Kentucky, one of the Directors of the Society by election; and brethren Matthew Bolles, of Connecticut, and O. T. Hammond, of Alabama, Directors for life, have also been called to give account of their stewardship; it is hoped to hear it said by the Master, "Well done, good and faithful servant." Of the latter particularly, it is proper to say, that his devotedness and generosity in the cause of missions were worthy of imitation by many possessed of more abundant means. At one period he was employed by your Committee as a missionary in one of the new territories, where his appointment subjected him to more than ordinary privations, and he not only performed the duties of the appointment to the entire satisfaction of the Committee, but also cheerfully refunded his whole salary as a free-will offering to the Lord of missions.

Brother Joseph Shepherd, of New-Jersey, a member for life, has likewise finished his course on earth. He was a good man, a faithful minister of the gospel, and a friend of missions; but he has passed away to enjoy his crown.

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth; yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours, and their works do follow them."

Your Committee feel admonished anew by these bereavements "to work while the day lasts, because the night cometh when no man can work."

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

At the last anniversary of the Society, brother Henry Jackson, of Massachusetts, was elected Corresponding Secretary, with the hope that he would deem it his duty to engage in the important labours of the office early in the year. The state of his health, and other important considerations, however, prevented his positive acceptance, and induced him, on the 15th of October, to decline it altogether.

Although an arrangement had been made for the temporary discharge of the duties of the office by brother J. C. Murphy, whose familiarity with those duties and faithfulness in performing them from the period of our lamented brother Crawford's

disability, peculiarly qualified him for the station, yet his own view of expediency in the case rendered it necessary that another individual should be selected for that purpose ; and as half the year had passed away, and the probability being great that still more would be necessarily consumed ere any one could be obtained, your Committee immediately, on the reception of brother Jackson's communication, proceeded to the election of the present incumbent. The appointment was accepted, but as it was unexpected by the individual, and essential to the prosperity of the Church with which he had been a long time connected, that he should remain with them until a successor could be obtained, it was impossible for him to assume the duties of the office until the month of March.

AGENCIES.

Upon the subject of agencies your Committee have bestowed much thought, and though, during the existence of the Society, a diversity of arrangements has taken place from time to time in relation to this branch of its operations, yet its necessity and utility have been always evident ; and after eight years experience they can entertain no other opinion than that living agents are indispensable to the prosperity and efficiency of the Society. The events of the past year have served to establish your Committee in this opinion. Amidst the universal and protracted embarrassments in the financial interests of our country, without such agents the Treasurer's account, even now presenting an unsatisfactory aggregate of receipts, would have shown a deficiency mortifying to benevolent minds, and appalling to many humble, self-denying missionaries in the employ of the Society, who, with their dependant families, are bearing the "burden and heat of the day," sustained by only a small allowance from your funds, in addition to that afforded by the flocks to whom they industriously minister in the gospel.

It is true, the churches to a considerable extent, especially those which were early enlisted in the cause of missions, have become more systematic in their benevolent arrangements than formerly, but great numbers yet act without any system, and many of them need and ask instruction in the very rudiments of combined effort. Whatever may be said of other means of imparting that instruction, more can be said of the appropriateness and efficiency of competent agents. A moment's thought is sufficient to convince reflecting men that one of suitable qualifications can, through oral explanations, impart increased force and effect to all other means essential to this object.

Amidst the variety of cares devolving upon every man in this

day of cares, but few, comparatively, read with attention the multitudinous periodicals or occasional documents intended to diffuse intelligence respecting benevolent operations, and fewer still have leisure to conduct those operations to a prosperous issue. But it is pleasant to your Committee to state their belief that there is much benevolent feeling in the churches, and that it is often evinced in a ready, cheerful action, when they are visited by men of ardent piety, breathing the spirit of the Gospel themselves, and diffusing it in their ministrations as agents.

Besides these considerations, there is yet another. These agents occupy a conservative station, healthful and essential to the perpetuation and increased prosperity of the cause of Christ, especially among the destitute or weak portions of Zion. They are, in all cases, themselves approved missionaries, and while receiving pecuniary supplies for the treasury from tributary sources, they are in turn conveying spiritual blessings, through the word they preach, wherever they go.

For several reasons your Committee have been unable to realize the hope indulged at the last Anniversary of obtaining the assistance of an adequate number of agents. The whole number has been but nine. Their names and fields of labor are as follow, viz :

Brother Otis Briggs, in the state of Maine. Was prevented from spending much time there on account of a more pressing necessity to visit the state of North Carolina. In that state he prosecuted the objects of his agency with zeal and success : and on his way made several collections in other places.

Brother Jonathan Baldwin, of behalf of our auxiliary, the Baptist Convention of the state of Vermont, which generously sustains our missionaries in Lower Canada.

In Massachusetts, our auxiliary, the State Convention, attends to the agency in behalf of the Society. Brother Charles Train, their Corresponding Secretary, is principally relied on for the performance of these important services.

Brother James Huckens has labored as far as practicable, in the states of Rhode Island and Connecticut, until it became necessary that he should act in another quarter. This he did with success in the state of Georgia, until a suitable time to enter upon the important and interesting labors of a missionary to Texas.

Brethren John Peck and Lewis Leonard, in the state of New-York, and in connexion with their agencies in the Convention of that state, rendered valuable services to the society.

Brother John W. Gibbs, also, to a limited extent, in the states of New-York and New-Jersey.

Brother John M. Peck, in Illinois, in connexion with our auxiliary, the Baptist Convention of that state.

Brother Reuben Winchell, in Ohio, under the direction of the Convention of that state, and is sustained by that body.

Brother John Peck, the General Agent, entered upon the duties of his appointment in the month of October, since which he has been very actively and successfully engaged in promoting the important objects of the Society in the city of New-York, and in the states of New-Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia and North Carolina, and the District of Columbia.

In his southern tour he delivered more than one hundred sermons and addresses, and was everywhere received with kindness, and treated with the attention which is characteristic of our southern brethren.

Your Committee believe that through this agency the foundation is laid for the mutual and permanent advantage of the Society and churches visited. And they confidently anticipate, in brother Peck's future labors, a renewed and general impulse in favor of Home Missions, greatly encouraging to its friends and beneficial to our country at large.

Table of Missionaries and Agents of the Society, and of its Auxiliaries.

NAMES.	RESIDENCE.			Missionaries in each St.	Months' labor perfd.	GENERAL REMARKS.
	TOWN OR F. O.	COUNTY.	STATE.			
Josiah H. Tilton	Limerick	York	Me.	■	3	Recently app. by the society The other brethren whose names are here given were appointed and sustained by the State Convention. No Report from N. H.
Henry Kendall	Agent		do			
Samuel Fogg	Panobscot	Hancock	do			
			N. H.			
W. G. Johnson	Middlebury	Rutland	Vt.	4	8	These brethren are app'd and sust'd by the Vermont State Con.; they also sustain the Miss. of the parent society in Lower Canada.
F. Blood	Waitsfield	Washington	do			
N. Nichols	Derby	Orleans	do			
S. Fletcher, Ag't			do			
Charles Train	Sec. Ma. St. Con.	Boston	Ms.			Sustained by Mass. St. Con. No Report from Mass.
— Milne	Tiverton	New Port	R. I	12		203 have been added to the ch. this year by baptisms.
Elijah Macomber	New Shoreham	Block Island	do			
Nicholas Johnson			do	12		The brethren in this State seek more than ordinarily useful; at Pawtucket 35 have been baptized.
John H. Baker	Richmond	Washington	do	9		
Edward K. Fuller	Pawtucket	Bristol	do			The report does not enable us to state the time these brethren labored.
Thomas Tew	N. Providence	Providence	do			
— Brantley	N. Providence	Providence	do			
Zalmon Tobey	Bristol		do			
Oliver J. Fiske	Lime Rock		do			
B. C. Grafton	Wychford		do			
John Reed	East Greenwich	Kent	do			
Amos B. Wells	Hopkinton	Washington	do			

J. C. Murphy			N. Y.	83	12	Full duties of Cor. Sec. vacant. vacancy in that office.
Benj. M. Hill	New-York		do		1	Corresponding Secretary.
John Peck	New-Woodstock	Madison	do		12	Gen. Agent. Sent out 1 mo. by N. Y. St. Con.
Lewis Leonard	Cazenovia	Madison	do		12	Agent. Sent. by N. Y. St. Con. of wh. he is also agent.
Solomon Gale, jr.	Amsterdam	Montgomery	do		12	
Emory Curtis	Amherst	Erie	do		6	
Henry Topping	Argueville	Schoharie	do		6	
O. D. Taylor	Attica	Genesee	do		12	
J. N. Granger	Arvon Springs	Livingston	do		12	
John H. Rasco	Batavia & Pemb.	Genesee	do		12	
L. O. Lovell	Utica	Oneida	do		6	
Lewis Ranstead	Canandaigua	Chenango	do		12	
C. Darby	Central Green	Chenango	do		6	
B. F. Robbins	Contriville	Allegany	do		1	
Thos. P. Childs	Cherry Valley	Otsego	do		4	
W. Thompson	Clinton	Oneida	do		9	
D. S. Dean	Constantia	Oswego	do		12	
John Duncan	Cohoes	Albany	do		4	
John Wells-lager	Cornwall	Orange	do		12	
Wm. A. Wells	De Ruyter	Madison	do		6	
Adrian Foote	Ellicottville	Cattaraugus	do		12	
J. G. L. Haskins	Farmersville	Cattaraugus	do		12	
David B. Crane	Bainbridge	Chenango	do		6	
L. Washburn	Carroll	Chataque	do		6	
Horace Spencer	Canaan	Columbia	do		6	
Aaron B. Jones	Solon	Cortlandt	do		9	
Benjamin Fuller	Florence	Oneida	do		12	
Thomas Houston	Frankfort	Herkimer	do		12	
Daniel T. Hill	Frankindale	Dutchess	do		2	
T. H. Green	Fulton	Oswego	do		12	
Erastus Miner	Gloversville	Fulton	do		12	
James Amner	Hamden	Delaware	do		12	
B. F. Robbins	Hume	Allegany	do		6	
Asahel Chapin	Jamestown	Chataque	do		4	
Wm. I. Loomis	Kinderhook	Columbia	do		6	
Joel W. Ney	Lagrange	Genesee	do		12	
Chas. E. Wilson	Gorham	Cayuga	do		6	
A. C. Barrell	Laona	Chataque	do		9	
N. N. Wood	Lebanon Springs	Columbia	do		12	
I. Boardman	Leon	Cattaraugus	do		6	
Philip B. Brown	Litchfield	Herkimer	do		6	
Edward Coveil	Lodi	Erie	do		6	
Olney Bennett	McDonough	Chenango	do		4	
Jos. W. Sawyer	Moreau	Saratoga	do		6	
Edwin T. Jacobs	New-Berlin	Chenango	do		6	
Daniel M. Root	Nichols	Tioga	do		4	
Allen Beach	Painted Post	Steuben	do		12	
Andw W. Torbet	Piermont	Rockland	do		6	
Jacob Blain	Pompey	Oneida	do		9	
Solomon Knapp	Port Byron	Cayuga	do		12	
Samuel Barrett	Port Jervis	Orange	do		6	
I. S. Swan	Preston	Chenango	do		3	
L. Peck	Preston	Chenango	do		3	
I. S. Chapman	Pultney	Steuben	do		6	
Alonzo Frink	Randolph	Cattaraugus	do		6	
Isaac Lawton	Richmondville	Schoharie	do		12	
Isaac S. Parsons	Royalton	Niagara	do		12	
Philo Forbes	Sandy Creek	Oswego	do		12	
Jno E. Lagrange	Broome	Schoharie	do		6	
James Amner	Franklin	Delaware	do		6	

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The Missionaries in the State are sustained by the Missionary Convention of the State of New-York. They have supplied either the whole or a part of the past year, embracing the whole 51 9 12 years of labor. 66 of these churches are located in 23 counties N. Y., 3 in N. J., and 1 in Pennsylvania.

Fourteen of the missionaries have performed itinerant service, whose labor, including those of the agents, added to the above, amount to 76 years.

The performance of these labors, more than 4,000 sermons have been preached, 21,000 souls have been religiously united, 3,100 children have been instructed in the Sunday School, and 1,000 in Bible Classes.

Several churches have been so much increased in numbers and pecuniary ability, that they now sustain the ministry without further aid from the society, and have commenced refunding what they have received.

Others are erecting, or have completed meeting-houses, and five new ones have been organized.

In addition to these results, 581 persons, hopefully redeemed by the blood of Christ, have been baptized and added to the churches; thus consecrating their lives, their property, their labor, and their prayers, to the cause of religion in the world.

L. C. Bates	Milford	Otsego	N. Y.	6	
Isaac Lawton	Decatur	Schoharie	do	4	
Henry Bowen	Sparta	Livingston	do	12	
Thomas Durfee	Tompkins	Delaware	do	12	
V. R. Waters	Trenton	Oneida	do	6	
Moses Rowley	Waterloo	Seneca	do	12	
Samuel Adair, jr.	Weedsport	Cayuga	do	12	
Elisha Kimball	Wileyville	Tioga	do	6	
John Jones	Williamsburgh	Kings	do	12	
Henry B. Kenyon	Wolcott	Wayne	do	10	
J. T. Raymond	New-York city	do	do	6	
Emory Curtiss		Erie	do	5	
J. C. Allison		Erie	do	4	
Wm. H. Turton		Orange	do	5	
E. T. Jacobs	New-Berlin	Chenango	do	6	
Samuel Davison		Oswego	do	8	
Jonathan Post		Genesee	do	6	
Varanes Bemis		Cattaraugus	do	1	
Isaac J. Brown	Pembroke	Genesee	do	6	
R. G. Lewis		do	do		
A. Williams		do	do		
Samuel Gilbert		do	do		
James Cusick		do	do		
					Native Indian Ministry at Tonawanda.
John W. Gibbs	Agent		N. J.	22	3
Joe. Haughwout	Jersey City		do		4
I. Hatt	Orange	Essex	do	12	
G. Hawes	Orange	Essex	do	12	
Ezekiel Sexton	Manhewkin	Monmouth	do	2	
Joseph R. Morris	Johnesburg		do	3	
C. Brinkerhoff	Newfoundland		do	12	
Simeon J. Drake	Rahway	Middlesex	do	12	
William Smith	Vincentown		do	12	
— Pardun	Squan		do	12	
William Pollard	Weart's Corner		do	12	
E. D. Fendall	Cedarville	Cumberland	do	12	
J. S. Eisenbrey	Pittsgrove	Salem	do	12	
B. Cornelius	Columbus		do	12	
N. Stetson	Allowaystown	Salem	do	12	
John Seger	Lambertsville	Hunterdon	do	11	
John Thomson	Jeffersonville	Essex	do	12	
John B. Case	Perth Amboy	Middlesex	do	12	
J. Spencer			do	6	
William Sym	Moorestown	Morris	do		
J. M. Courtney	Morristown	Burlington	do	12	
W. H. Turton	Morristown	Morris	do		
					Removed to Newark, N. J.
E. Macomber	Caledonia	Clearfield	Pa.	17	
M. Bacheller			do		
William Sawyer	Norwich		do	12	
James Clark		Potter	do	1	
Wm. K. Mott	Lackawana Val.		do	12	
J. R. Burdick		Tioga	do	11	
I. W. Parker		Bradford	do	12	
John Thomas	Agent	Fayette	do		
G. Higgins			do		
					Agent of State Con. of Pa. Has been long a successful ministry; baptized last yr. 30.
E. M. Miles			do		
Thomas Wilson			do		
					Preached 116 sermons, bap. 8 In 10 months trav. 1800 m. preached 111 ser., bap. 12.
— Curtis			do		
Thomas Ritchie			do		

Thos. F. Griffith			Pa.		Baptized 14 persons. By the efforts of the Pa. State Con. many feel- have been aided, 2 ap- had, 2 ministers have ordained, and 34 added to the churches.
E. Kingsford			do		
D. C. West			do		
— Walter			do		
J. P. Thompson	St. Georges	New Castle	Del.	1 12	
Joseph Mettam	Pikeville	Baltimore	Md.	3 12	
Geo. F. Adams	Baltimore		do	12	
R. Clark			do	2	Gen. Agent of the Ma- land Union Association.
Benjamin Holden	East Clarksburg	Harrison	Va.	25 12	
Frederic Page	Wheeling	Ohio	do		Recently appointed.
V. M. Mason,	Wheeling	Amelia	do	12	Gen. Agent of Gen. As- sociation of Virginia.
J. L. Gwaltney	Newville	Sussex	do	12	The Agent, and the 5
F. H. Johnston	Parkersburg	Wood	do	12	threen whose names are
A. J. Garrett	Clarksburg	Harrison	do	12	sustained by the as- sociation.
Samuel Davidson	Concord	Campbell	do	12	
Jas. S. Griffin	Ten Mile Creek	Harrison	do	12	
Samuel T. Wiatt	Buffalos	Mason	do	12	
Levi D. Horner	Prince Geo. C.H.	Pr. George	do	12	
Jas. Gawthrop	Pruntytown	Harrison	do	10	
Robert Gordon	Williamsburg		do	9	
E. W. Woodson	Red S. Springs	Monroe	do	7	
Cornelius Tyree	Lexington	Rockbridge	do	9	
J. W. B. Tiedale	Morgantown	Monongalia	do	8	
J. W. D. Creath	South Hill	Mecklenb'g	do	7	
W. C. Ligon	Mount Juliet	Kanawha	do	7	Sub-Agent.
Matthew Maddox			do	4	
A. C. Dempsey	Fincastle	Botetourt	do	8	
Samuel B. Rice	New Glasgow	Amherst	do	5	
Jas. L. Morton	Walker's Church	Pr. Edward	do	6	
H. J. Chandler	Norfolk	Norfolk	do	4	
Samuel Harris	Richmond	Henrico	do	2	
Jas. C. Clapton	Williamsburg	James' City	do	2	
R. McNabb			N.C.	4	
R. Jacks			do	8	Sustained by the Com- mission of North Carolina.
G. Douglass			do	1	are not able to give a post-office address.
S. Wait			do	7	Agent.
B. Cook, jr.	Clinton	E. Feliciana	La.	1 6	
John Micon	Louisville		Mi.	2 12	
Robt. T. Daniel	Holly Springs		do		
William Settle	Mud Creek	Randolph	Ark.	5	
David Orr	Smithville	Lawrence	do		
Benj. Hawkins	Izard Court H.	Izard	do		
Wm. B. Karr			do		
John B. Graham			do		
H. B. Hayward	Lagrange	Fayette	Ten.	2 12	
Jacob Browning	Alton		Ten.	12	
F. A. Willard	Louisville	Jefferson	Ky.	1 12	
Kemp Scott	Pisgah	Cooper	Mo.	12 12	
A. P. Williams	Palestine	Cooper	do	12	
H. McElmurry		Wayne	do	9	
B. F. Brabrook	St. Louis	St. Louis	do	4	

Peter Williams		Girardeau	Mo.	12	
David Stiles	Mount Sterling	Gasconade	do	12	
A. Broadus	St. Francisville	Clarke	do	12	
William Keys	Greenville	Wayne	do	10	
Edwin C. Brown	Potosi	Washington	do	12	
Benjamin Clark		Girardeau	do	4	
Hiram M. Smith	Potosi	Washington	do		
Wm. W. Settle		Wayne	do	12	
John M. Peck	Rock Spring	St. Clair	Ill.	18	Agent, and Gen. Agent of
John Logan		McDonough	do	12	the Illinois State Convention. He, and the mission-
Ezra Fisher	Quincy	Adams	do	6	aries, except brother Fish-
Norman Parks	Payson	Adams	do	12	er and Couley, are sustained
Wm. J. Cooley	Diamond Spring	Clinton	do	12	in part by the Illinois State
Nathan Arnett			do		Convention.
Jona. Merriam	Springfield		do		
Thomas Powell	Vermilionville	LaSalle	do	12	
Isaac D. Newell		McLean	do	12	
E. Veach		McLean	do		
W. F. Boyakin		Marion	do		
David J. Lloyd	Millersburg	Mercer	do	10	
R. Weston		Hancock	do	6	
Joel Wheeler		McHenry	do	12	
Jacob Bower	Manchester	Scott	do	12	
Elijah Dodson	Woodburn	McCoupin	do	12	
Thomas H. Ford	Jacksonville	Morgan	do	12	Rep. to us without salary.
Joel Sweet	Manchester	Morgan	do	12	
William Rees	Delphi	Carroll	Ind.	11	12 Sustained by the people of
Daniel Palmer	Mount Sterling	Switzerland	do	12	his charge.
E. D. Owen	Richmond	Wayne	do	1	Has left the place for another
Ruben Coffy	Ellettsville	Munroe	do	12	field of labor.
William Miller	Connersville	Fayette	do	12	
Joshua Currier	Greensburg	Decatur	do	12	
S. B. Searle	Monticello	White	do		
Peter Webb	Newtown	Fountain	do	12	
Wm. M. Pratt	Crawfordsville		do	12	
John Jones		Morgan	do	10	
James Martin	Millford	Kosciusko			
T. R. Cressy	Columbus	Franklin	Ohio	12	12
J. O. Birdeall	Perrysburg	Wood	do	8	
Thomas Hughes	Newark	Licking	do	12	
I. K. Bronnson	Circleville	Pickaway	do	6	
— Handy			do	3	
Jacob Bailey	Richmond City	Geauga	do	12	
Isaac Bloomer	Mansfield	Richland	do	12	
S. R. Willard	Bedford	Cuyahoga	do	12	
E. W. Freeman	Strongsville	Cuyahoga	do	1	
Silas Barnes	Aurora	Portage	do	6	
Orrin N. Sage	Massillon	Starke	do	12	
S. V. Voorhis	Akron		do	12	
John Mitchell	Troy		Mic.	5	12 Brother Mitchell labored
					part of the year at Salsie,
					in Michigan.
O. C. Comstock	Detroit		do	4	
James Pyper	Unadilla	Livingston	do	12	
Silas Barnes	Skawassco		do		
Supply Chase			do		His field of labor is not
					yet assigned him.

Alexander Evans	Burlington	Des Moines	Iowa	2	12	
Calvin Greenleaf	Deavenport		do	3	3	
— Johnson			do	3	3	
Richard Griffing	Prairie Village		W.T	2	12	
Edward Matthews	Milwaukee		do	12	12	
William Geary	Belleville		U.C	1	12	
William Rees	Brantford		do			
John Oakley	Toronto		do	4	4	Agent.
John E. Drvey	Drummondville		do	4	4	
John Butler	Rawdon		do	10	10	
E. Mitchell			L.C	6	12	
J. Baldwin			do	12	12	Half of this time was spent by brother Baldwin in an Agency for the Vermont State Convention.
S. B. Ryder			do	12	12	The Missionaries in L.C. are sustained by the Vermont State Convention, with the exception of brother Peter Chase, who is sustained by the Parent Society.
M. Brittain			do	12	12	
Israel Ide			do	6	6	
Peter Chase	West Berkshire	Vermont	do	6	6	Part of brother Hedges' time was spent in agency business, and the remainder as missionary to Texas.
James Huckens			Tex.	1	12	

The statistics of the foregoing Table are very imperfect. Several missionaries have neglected to forward their stated returns, and, consequently, the whole amount of labor performed cannot be known. The annual reports of the auxiliaries, in some instances, contain neither the amount of labor performed, nor the names or number of missionaries employed. It is impossible, therefore, to give accurate information upon these points.

The following summary, however, is compiled from the documents received. The number of missionaries and agents commissioned by the Society the past year were 93. They labored in 18 of the United States and Territories, Upper and Lower Canada and Texas. Their united labors were equal to those of one man 62 years. In performing them they have travelled 33,130 miles, preached 2880 sermons, baptized 761 persons, organized 24 churches, and ordained 15 ministers.

The auxiliary bodies have also employed, during the same period, 153 missionaries and agents; who have operated in 9 of the states, and performed labor equal to 116 years of one man. Making a total of 246 missionaries, and 178 years of labor.

Arrangements are contemplated for the ensuing year which will, probably, secure greater accuracy and promptness in the various annual returns from which our statistics are made up, and by which it is hoped, a more extended view of our missionary efforts can be laid before the churches.

REVIEW OF MISSION STATIONS.

Pennsylvania.—At present the missionary stations of the Society commence at Pennsylvania, where there are two missionaries endeavoring to extend the blessings of the gospel to several interesting portions of that state.

Brother E. Macomber has continued during the year to occupy a promising field. It embraces the counties of Clearfield, Jefferson and Indiana. He has here found some scattered sheep of the Divine Shepherd's flock, who had formerly enjoyed the ministrations of some servants of God, but who were, at the time of his visit, entirely destitute of the means of grace, and who, with tears, related to him the story of their spiritual wants.

Delaware.—Brother John P. Thompson is still usefully engaged as our missionary in this state. At Leipsic his congregations have been large and solemn, and several individuals, having found the Savior precious to their souls, have confessed him before men, in the ordinance of baptism.

Between Leipsic and St. Georges, near Newcastle, brother T. supplies six stations. At one of them, the assemblies have been so numerous that many persons were unable to obtain accommodation in the Meeting House.

His stated appointments are fourteen in number, which he usually fulfils with punctuality. Under date of June 25th, 1839, which was the close of his missionary year, he says, "I have preached during the year 263 sermons, travelled 3153 miles, visited between three and four hundred families, some of them a number of times, and baptized several persons."

Maryland.—Brother Joseph Mettam, who, for a considerable time, has devoted himself to missionary labors in this state, continues to divide his time between Pikesville and Taney Town, where he represents the churches as "moving onward," the congregations increasing, the prayer-meetings well attended, and the Sunday schools prospering. It has been his happiness to administer the ordinance of baptism to several persons during the year, of whom he speaks encouragingly.

During the past year the affairs of the Church in Calvert street, Baltimore, have improved to such an extent as greatly to encourage our missionary, brother Geo. F. Adams, who has been laboring with them. At so early a day as the last of July, the communicants in this church had more than doubled the number previously reported—many happy converts having been "buried with Christ in baptism." Since that time additions have been made almost every week. The spiritual condition of the church is now decidedly healthful, and their pecuniary ability is such, that besides improving their place of worship, they will,

probably, be able to sustain the cause without further aid from this Society.

Virginia.—In this state our valued auxiliary, the General Association of Virginia, is active and efficient in the superintendence of Home Missions; rendering the particular efforts of this Society there comparatively unnecessary.

Brother Benjamin Holden has been laboring during the past year, in the same field he previously occupied, with a degree of success which encourages his continuance in it. In one of his last communications he speaks of preaching to crowded, serious, and weeping congregations, in which he perceives “the signs of a future blessing, as of bread cast upon the waters, to be gathered after many days.”

During a portion of the year he has suffered from a troublesome indisposition, which disabled him from meeting his appointments with his customary regularity, but his pastoral visits among the people afforded him opportunity to substitute, with good effect, familiar conversation for preaching.

Mississippi.—Your Committee deeply regret to say that the number of missionaries in the State of Mississippi has not yet essentially increased. Brother John Micou still labors in that large and important field almost alone. Residing in Winston County, he preaches in different places within its boundaries, but more particularly in Louisville. A general interest in religious things was manifested by his congregation last autumn, and quite an encouraging number had professed hope in Christ.

Brother M. preaches upon an average four times a week; has five congregations statedly under his care, and occasionally labors with others. Within the period of his appointment he has assisted to organize an Association in his vicinity, which appears to be an energetic, spiritual body, upon which the special blessings of the Holy Spirit have already fallen.

Louisiana.—Brother B. Cook, Jr., has been laboring a few months in this state, (from which he has returned within a few days,) and has been made happy in seeing good results follow his ministry. The preaching of the gospel was made “the power of God unto salvation” to many souls; some of whom he had baptized, and several others proposed soon to offer themselves for the same purpose.

He represents this state as sadly destitute of spiritual privileges; in illustration of which he mentions having heard a missionary say that he had been recently urged by an aged sister to preach in her neighbourhood, offering in moving terms, as a reason for her request, that *she had not heard a sermon there for twelve years.*

Arkansas.—Of the importance of Arkansas as a missionary field your Committee need not speak at this time. It is, indeed,

a field "ripe already to harvest." But they lament that while that harvest is plenteous, the laborers are few. At this time our missionaries in that state are only five in number. One of them, in his regular report, says: "Our efforts are weak, yet I can see that we are on rising ground." In another communication he says, "from the observation I have been enabled to make in different places through which I have recently travelled, I think the prospects are very encouraging."

Another of those missionaries, Brother Benjamin Hawkins, rides from place to place over a considerable extent of territory, preaching as he goes, the glorious gospel of the blessed God, to numbers of new settlers in that, as yet, thinly populated district.

Tennessee.—In this state the Society has but two missionaries. Brother H. B. Hayward has succeeded during the past year in organizing a church at Bolivar, which, with that in La Grange, he regularly supplies on Lord's-days, but meets six stated appointments connected with them on extra occasions. He has also organized and conducted, personally, a large and flourishing Sunday school and Bible class at Bolivar.

Brother Jacob Browning, a missionary of the Society in the vicinity of Alton, has travelled extensively, preaching Christ and him crucified to many hearers. He has statedly supplied five churches, and attended eight protracted and camp meetings, where the power of divine love and grace was experienced by numbers; many of whom have professed faith in the Son of God, and been baptized into the likeness of his death. The number he does not mention.

In this state enlightened views and liberal feelings are fast gaining ground; and the unaffected piety evinced by many of the disciples of Christ, offers cheering grounds of hope that, ere long, an impulse will be given greatly beneficial to the institutions of religion, and the souls of multitudes now inattentive to every thing spiritual and holy. "The great thing wanting," says one of our correspondents, "is an enlightened, devoted, self-denying ministry, through which the people can be fed with knowledge."

Kentucky.—In this state the society has but one missionary. Early in the year, brother R. Morey, who had been laboring principally in the second church in Louisville, resigned his important trust and removed to another state. Under his ministry, it is believed, the foundation has been laid for a church of Christ, in which, we trust, the elements of moral power are to be found, which will hereafter wield a good influence in the region round about them.

Brother F. A. Willard has succeeded brother Morey, and is now successfully engaged in the work of the ministry in that

church ; the number of communicants having more than doubled since he commenced with them.

The church has erected a commodious house of worship, and, notwithstanding the severe pecuniary embarrassments of the times, it is thought the whole amount necessary to defray the expense, will be provided in due season. This heavy effort, under all the circumstances, has rendered it necessary to aid them in supporting the gospel another year, and it is expected that, should a repetition of the call occur, it will be for a smaller amount than heretofore. The Committee feel that in this instance they may congratulate the Society on the prospect of an interesting auxiliary in the second church in Louisville.

Ohio.—In this state twelve missionaries have been employed. Brother T. R. Cressy is laboring with the church in Columbus; which, since his connexion with it, has enjoyed “times of refreshing from the presence of the Lord.” From a feeble band of only 35 members, half of whom were colored, they now number 173, exclusive of the colored ones, (who have been organized into an independent church, consisting of 65 members and a pastor.) The increase of this church has been at some periods unusually encouraging, doubling its numbers in the short period of a single year. Our brother truly has reason to say in one of his letters, “our vine is emphatically extending over the wall.”

Brother Thomas Hughes is preaching among the Welch brethren, who dwell, in considerable numbers, in Ohio. He speaks of his countrymen in feeling terms, representing them as dejected and sorrowful on account of their spiritual privations in a land where they seldom hear the gospel in their native tongue. Says our brother, “the aged men and women sit down and weep in despair of ever being able to enjoy the gospel ministry to any great extent, from the fact that they never will become acquainted with the language of the country in which they live, and have but few opportunities of hearing it in their own. Judge then, my brother, how rejoiced they feel when it is told them that your Society has taken up their case, and wish to relieve them of this trial. I think, and to God be the praise, that since my appointment, when the ear of these poor people ‘heard me, then it blessed me, and when the eye saw me it gave witness to me—the blessing of him that was ready to perish came upon me; and I caused the widow’s heart to sing for joy,’ because I preached to them the word of God in a language they could understand.”

In a more recent letter, brother H. says, “my field covers a wide state, containing 73 counties, and a population of about one million of souls. Scattered over this field are to be found portions of the interesting flock which he regards as “the offspring of Gomer,” to whom he so affectionately ministers.

Brother Caleb Green labors chiefly in Vienna and Garrettsville; riding in a circuit of about 60 miles. In a certain section within the compass of his field, the people, who had become very inattentive to religious things, experienced a sore visitation of sickness in their community. In their distress he visited them, and on inquiring, ascertained that several years previously they had enjoyed the labors of Baptist ministers, the recollection of which was now revived among them with good effect. The result of all which is the re-establishment among them of the institutions of the gospel, and the hopeful conversion of several persons.

Michigan.—The Society has had five missionaries employed in this state during the past year.

Brother James Pyper is laboring at Unadilla. His endeavors to exhibit the potent truths of divine revelation have been owned of the Lord. The saints have been quickened, wanderers reclaimed, sinners converted, and a correct moral tone has been measurably imparted to the community.

Brother John Mitchell is now laboring at Troy, with encouraging prospects of success. This brother has suffered in his person and family from severe sickness, but when able to perform the duties of his station, has endured hardness as a good soldier of the cross; travelling, preaching, and experiencing privations peculiar to the region of his residence.

Brother S. Chase also occupies a place in this interesting portion of Zion. Under date of March 16th, 1840, he writes in the most satisfactory manner of his labors and success. He has devoted much of his time to conducting Protracted meetings, which were generally accompanied with revivals of religion. He has supplied one place regularly on the Lord's-day, and five other places during the week. He represents the progress of the cause of Christ as being "decidedly onward" in that region, and the influence of the Am. Bapt. H. M. Society as very salutary.

From those already named, and from other missionaries, your Committee have been advised of the disastrous effects of the commercial embarrassments of the country upon Michigan, in common with other western states, and especially of those which have fallen upon the churches of our denomination. As in all similar cases, the cause of religion has suffered more or less declension, but it is pleasing to add, this evil appears now in turn to give way before the genial influence of the truth of God. Revivals of religion have existed in various portions of the state, and several of our churches have received valuable accessions to their number and influence. In this blessing, your Committee are happy in believing, many of our missionaries have been instrumental, and our denominational views are very acceptable among the people.

Indiana.—In this state the Society has had eleven missionaries employed during the year, all of whom appear to have been usefully engaged.

Brother Daniel Palmer has labored in Switzerland County, where he has attended several protracted meetings, and has been blest as the instrument of turning many to the Lord.

Brother E. D. Owen has labored in Richmond, where he has dispensed the word and ordinances of the gospel to attentive assemblies, gathered a flourishing Sunday school, distributed about 2000 tracts, and several dozen Bibles and Testaments; and, what is better, 10 or 12 precious souls have been converted, and one of the number has been licensed to preach the gospel. But his health compels him to abandon this interesting post, and seek another more congenial with his constitution.

Brother Reuben Coffee has also been permitted to reap a rich harvest of souls. In conjunction with brother John Jones, he labored a part of the year in Putnam County, with much success,—a church was organized of 26 members, which is in a thriving condition. Brother C. rode during the year 1591 miles, preached 157 sermons, and baptized 16 persons, besides performing much extra service in tract distribution, temperance meetings, Sunday schools, &c. &c.

Brother Joshua Currier, also acting under the commission of the Society, has been laboriously and very successfully employed during the past year at Milgrove, Steuben County, but has extended his tours into other towns and counties. In the former place a powerful work of divine grace commenced on a baptismal occasion, which continued through a period of several weeks, resulting finally, in *the conversion of almost every person in the settlement*, and the strengthening of the church in that place with about 50 additional members.

Illinois.—In this state eighteen missionaries of the Society have been employed the past year.

Brother John M. Peck, heretofore an indefatigable agent and missionary of the Society, has been compelled, by physical infirmity, to decline all such employment as requires travelling, and is now devoting his attention to other labors of much importance. He has also assumed a pastoral relation: dividing his attention between the churches at Rock-spring and Belleville, situated 8 miles apart. Belleville is the county seat; has about 1500 inhabitants; but the church, like the place itself, is in its infancy, and has never before attempted to obtain a pastor. They have provided themselves with a place of worship, which, when opened for that purpose, is crowded with an attentive audience.

Brother Jacob Bower has suffered from ill health, but has continued to travel and preach, and attend protracted meetings, during the inclement months of autumn and winter. His labors

have been greatly refreshing to himself and profitable to the saints.

Missouri.—Here the Society has had twelve missionaries the past year.

Brother Alvin B. Williams has just closed another year of successful missionary work in this state—the greater portion of the time in Howard county; has ridden 1689 miles, preached 213 sermons, and baptized 91 persons. It has been his happiness to labor amidst the gracious influences of the Holy Spirit; having witnessed the hopeful conversion of more than 400 souls, and rejoices in the evidence that the good work is still spreading far and wide in the state.

Brother Henry McElmary has labored within the boundaries of the Black River Association. The churches in this section are represented as being in a good state, decidedly missionary in their character, and as having enjoyed many tokens of the Divine presence among them. In the promotion of this state of things, brother M. has been allowed a pleasing instrumentality, and now, after residing ten years in that vicinity, though suffering infirmity, the church in that region has undertaken his future support.

Brother Kemp Scott is laboring in the bounds of the Concord Association. He has travelled during the past year 2500 miles, preached 151 sermons, besides performing much extra service.

Brother B. F. Brabrook has labored with the second church in St. Louis. This church has completed a neat and commodious house of worship, and their number of members has increased from 15 to 70. They have a Sunday school, in which are more than 100 scholars in attendance, and are ready to every good work and word. The probability is that, very shortly, the brethren will find themselves able, as they are now willing, to sustain the cause without further aid from the Society.

Brother E. C. Brown has preached in the bounds of the Franklin Association; supplying 14 stations, where his congregations have been attentive and sometimes very solemn. In connexion with brother Hiram B. Smith, another of our missionaries, he has been much engaged in promoting various interests of those congregations, and now rejoices that their labor has not been in vain.

Brother B., in one of his letters, says; “In one place, secluded from the ordinary track of the servants of Jesus, several have been brought from darkness into the marvellous light of the gospel, and have put on the badge of the christian profession; and others are inquiring the way to Zion. One of those recently baptized, delights to take his neighbors by the hand and urge them to repent and believe in Christ; and this keeps up the interest for a month, while the preacher is absent.”

In making his annual report, brother B. states that he had travelled during the year 2136 miles, and preached 196 sermons, but at that time he felt it his duty to leave that part of the vineyard, and was looking to the northern part of Illinois or Iowa, for a field of future labor.

Iowa Territory.—This territory has been thus far settled by an intelligent and moral people; thus presenting, despite the speculating mania which prevails there, and other evils incident to a new and unorganized state of society, materials for religious culture of the most desirable sort. It is but about five years since the red man yielded his dominion of the soil to his white successor; nevertheless, several Baptist churches already exist, and an Association has been organized during the year. These churches are exerting a good moral influence, and are consequently enjoying prosperity.

Brother Alexander Evans, one of our missionaries in that territory, is occupied, with other faithful brethren, in a judicious system of visiting and preaching, with encouraging results.

Brother Calvin Greenleaf, formerly our missionary in Illinois, has been recently appointed to Davenport.

Wisconsin Territory.—Here there are but two missionaries commissioned by your Committee.

What has been said of the pecuniary embarrassments of other western sections, is peculiarly applicable to this; as, in addition to other causes, the settlers have yet to meet the pressing demands arising from the land sales, in paying for their farms. As yet few of our brethren occupy the villages, being, in general, farmers. One of them in mentioning the difficulties experienced in establishing the public worship of God in one of those villages, says:—"We have now residing in the village but one male member, and he is preparing to remove into the country. We are a feeble few, scattered in different directions, and the most of us have to walk from two to seven miles to attend meetings."

Brother Edward Matthews, our missionary, appears to be an industrious servant of Jesus Christ, laboring abundantly, and often in a very self-denying manner—travelling on foot as many as eighty miles in one journey, through rain and snow, to bear to the scattered population the unsearchable riches of Christ.

Upper Canada.—The Executive Committee has always regarded the Canadas with much solicitude, and endeavored to promote the religious interests of the people. In the last Annual Report, occasion was taken to remark upon the effects of the civil commotions then prevalent in the provinces upon the moral and social interests of the people, and especially upon the christian churches. It is a cause of deep regret, that from those effects the churches have not yet recovered, and, indeed, experience but partial relief: and so long as the British government find it necessary to preserve a large military establishment in those pro-

vinces there can be but little ground of hope that religious institutions generally can be materially benefited.

“ The Spirit, like a peaceful dove
Flies from the realms of noise and strife.”

Following in the footsteps of the Spirit, many christians have turned away from the confusion of a partially disorganized society, and the din of arms, probably to return no more till order and stability reign. While those who remain, experience multitudinous difficulties in sustaining the cause of the Prince of Peace.

Your Committee rejoice to say that, notwithstanding these untoward circumstances, many of our Canadian brethren evince a spirit of perseverance in the cause of the King of kings.

Brother John Oakley, late missionary agent of the Society, in one of his reports, after giving information of the particular towns in which he was laboring, and the reasons which induced him to confine his labors to those towns, goes on to state that in most places where he preached, the meetings were well-attended, the people very serious, and in many instances much affected by the power of divine truth. Many of them were known to travel on foot to public worship, from one to nine miles, regardless of rain and bad roads, after having attended the morning service, at some distance from home.

Lower Canada.—Our missionaries in this province, are sustained by the Vermont State Convention ; but as they have not recently forwarded their reports, no statement can be made of their operations.

Texas.—To this interesting portion of the American continent, the eyes of all the world are now turned with deep solicitude. Being the theatre of action for a new political organization, and in its physical geography of inestimable value, it presents attractions of an unusual character to emigrants of every description, who look upon it as the *land of promise*, and bend their eager steps towards the possession of the prize. Already it is occupied by a large population, the great mass of whom are natives of the United States—our brothers ; our sons ; each aiming at the consummation of the particular object which induced his separation from his native land, and evincing in various ways how much the love of this world comprises that object.

In this as well as in all similar enterprises the establishment of religious institutions has received the latest and feeblest attention. But your Committee rejoice to learn that, with a veneration for those institutions characteristic of the sons of puritans, they are beginning to feel their importance, and desire their existence among them. A considerable number of the residents of Texas are sentimentally Baptists, and desirous of the establishment of Baptist churches there. Indeed, the labors of Baptist mi-

nisters are not only invited, but urged; and were suitable men now ready, several could be immediately introduced into prominent stations in that country, with fair prospects of usefulness, influence, and happiness.

There is now a missionary of the Society on the shores of Texas; and his success, and the results of his observation thus far, furnish assurance that the people are prepared for any effort our denomination can make in their favor.

Brother James Huckens, the missionary alluded to, wrote from Galveston Feb. 6, 1840, a thrilling account of his reception by the citizens of that place; the organization of a church consisting of 16 members; the baptism of three candidates, (the first who ever received the ordinance upon the island) and the prospect of further additions at an early day.

Communications from residents of that country also represent the field to be white, already to harvest, and contain pressing applications for ministers and missionary aid, such as might touch the tenderest sympathies and excite the warmest co-operation of every christian. Among them, one in particular ought to be mentioned as containing a formal and joint communication from several gentlemen requesting the appointment of a minister to the place immediately. Another received but a few days ago, gives information of the existence of 7 or 8 Baptist churches, and the incipient arrangements for organizing a Missionary Convention; with assurances that suitably qualified ministers would be well received, and in some places, amply sustained. They are applications that should be responded to at once by some of our ministering brethren who are panting for enlarged usefulness in the church of God. WHO AMONG THEM ALL WILL GO TO TEXAS? Your Committee make the inquiry because they believe it is the duty of some to go; that the Society is ready to send suitable men; and the denomination would nobly sanction the act: but they know of none to send; none signify a readiness to go.

Your Committee do not believe there is an unwillingness among their ministering brethren to occupy those fair fields, and to reap the rich harvest that waves so cheering an invitation to the gospel sickle; but they apprehend that the importance and promise of those fields are not duly appreciated, and they are desirous that religion should keep pace with commerce, and the mechanic arts; with agriculture, and even with the spirit of adventure in acquiring that rich possession. While the history of the whole world shows that christianity is the corner stone of the foundation of a nation's hope; that without it all is moral blindness and darkness, inviting infidelity, and tending to ruin and death, that corner stone should be carefully laid at the very commencement of every nation's existence: and it is worthy of the fostering care of Missionary Societies, and the ambition of qualified men

nisters of the gospel, even at the expense of severe toils and sacrifices, to attempt the work of laying it deep, and broad, and firm. Thus did the apostles of Jesus Christ; thus did Jesus Christ before them.

AUXILIARY CONVENTIONS AND SOCIETIES.

A plan was proposed, some time since, for producing concert of action in all the domestic missionary bodies of the Baptist denomination in the United States, which, probably, would have been matured and consummated ere this, but for the untimely death of our loved and lamented brother Crawford, and the vacancy that has so long existed in the Corresponding Secretary's office. The plan, however, has been presented to some extent to the denomination, and received with approbation. Several conventions and societies have already assumed the auxiliary relation, and under the mild and affectionate influence of the present general agent, it is hoped that we shall soon arrive at the consummation of our wishes in that respect.

In the language of a much respected brother at the "South;" "it is easy to see how much the utility of our Home Mission operations in this country would be enhanced by such a coalition. Let all the State Conventions, and State Associations, become auxiliary to the general Society, and thereby become transformed into one vast engine for the Home Mission field in this country, and a result may be anticipated greatly exceeding any thing of the kind which has yet been witnessed. It has long been known that in union there is strength: of course, in union there is efficiency and prosperity."

The Committee annex the following view of auxiliary bodies, notwithstanding the returns in some of their Annual Reports are very defective, in order to lay the foundation for future exhibitions of the number, strength, and benevolence of all such bodies: and it is earnestly desired that, hereafter, each auxiliary will endeavor to present, in their Annual Reports, accurate returns of every item of intelligence essential to the knowledge of what is doing in the churches for Home Missionary purposes.*

THE MAINE BAPTIST CONVENTION.

Anniversary First Wednesday in October.

Rev. Calvin Newton, Thomaston, *President.*

" Edwin R. Warren, Topsham, *Secretary.*

David Scribner, Esq. " *Treasurer.*

This State Convention has reached the 16th year of its operations. It has just emerged from some pecuniary embarrassments,

* Cannot statistical tables similar to ours, be prepared by the proper officers of the auxiliaries, and inserted in their Annual Reports?

and appears to have entered the field of Home Missions with energy. The agents and Missionaries employed during the past year, though not so numerous as sometimes reported, were, nevertheless, successful in spiritual and pecuniary labors, to a very encouraging extent.

Their receipts during the past year were \$1493 87, all of which have been employed in promoting the important objects of the Convention.

The next anniversary will be held at Thomaston.

THE BAPTIST CONVENTION OF THE STATE OF VERMONT.

Anniversary, Second Wednesday in October.

Rev. D. Packer, Mount Holly, *President.*

" C. A. Thomas, Brandon, *Cor. Secretary.*

Willard Kimball, ——— *Treasurer.*

This Convention has been, for a period of 14 years, efficiently engaged in the generous work of sending salvation to dying men, and promoting every object of christian benevolence at home and abroad. During the past year, in addition to encouraging assistance furnished to several churches within the State, they have supported 5 missionaries of this Society in Lower Canada. One of those missionaries attended 10 protracted meetings, some of which were accompanied with powerful revivals of religion, and baptized about 200 persons. Another, in prosecuting an exploring tour, discovered the relics of several disbanded churches, which he was instrumental in reviving, and in one instance as many as 20 persons were baptized.

The Treasurer's account for the past year, shows receipts for Home Missions, to the amount of \$2610 30.

The next anniversary is appointed at Bristol.

RHODE ISLAND STATE CONVENTION.

Anniversary, Second Wednesday in April.

Rev. J. C. Welch, Warren, *President.*

" Thomas B. Ripley, Providence, *Secretary.*

Dea. Varnum J. Bates, " *Treasurer.*

This Convention has had, during the whole period of its existence—14 years, for its "one object, the advancing of the kingdom of our Lord in the State of Rhode Island, through the instrumentality of the preaching of the gospel." This object has been kept steadily in view through the past year, and the aim has been to accomplish it principally by assisting several churches to sustain among themselves the ministry of the word, and also

to aid in establishing churches in places where there is a reasonable prospect of their becoming at length flourishing and permanent. Twelve churches have been added in this manner, in some of which pleasing additions have been received: almost all have enjoyed accessions by baptism; all, as far as is known, are living in harmony and peace; all, it is hoped, are advancing: and the cause of missions is going forward.

The receipts of the year for Home Missions, were \$963 06.

The anniversary for 1840, was appointed to be held at Newport.

THE CONNECTICUT BAPTIST CONVENTION.

Anniversary, Tuesday, preceding 2d Wednesday in June.

Rev. James H. Linsley, Stratford, *President.*

" B. Cook, Jr. Willimantic, *Cor. Secretary.*

Joseph B. Gilbert, Esq. Hartford, *Treasurer.*

The Report of a select Committee made and accepted at the last anniversary, shows that in the opinion of this body, "the work of Home Missions is surpassed in interest and importance by no other christian enterprise." But the Board of Managers, in the discharge of their official duties the past year, "have been fully convinced that those missions do not receive that support and sympathy from the churches which their importance demands." It is to be hoped that, in future, the *opinion* and *action* of this important body will more perfectly harmonize.

The receipts of the year for Home Missions, were \$527 94.

The Board were not furnished with returns which would enable them to state the additions to the churches aided, though it was well known, that considerable accessions had been enjoyed by them; and it is probable that some of them will not hereafter need much, if any assistance.

The next anniversary will be held at Essex.

THE BAPTIST CONVENTION OF THE STATE OF NEW-YORK.

Anniversary, Third Wednesday in October.

Rev. Elon Galusha, Perrysville, *President.*

" John Smitzer, Fayetteville, *Secretary.*

Charles Babcock, Esq. New Hartford, N. Y. *Treas.*

This very efficient auxiliary loses none of its energy or ability by laborious and persevering action; but in strengthening the weak and feeble churches within the range of its operations it

constantly becomes stronger itself, thus illustrating the truth that, "there is that scattereth, and yet increaseth."

Notwithstanding the unexampled financial pressure of the times, the receipts during the year, exclusive of \$6,500 79, credited in our treasurer's account, were \$13,133 91, enabling the Board to meet all demands against them from the State of New-York, and its vicinity. For information respecting their appropriations, see the Statistical Table.

While much of the liberality evinced by this State Convention is to be attributed to the pious emotions by which the brethren are accustomed to be moved, and to the indefatigable efforts of their experienced and honored agents; your Committee perceive another cause in the perfect organization of the body, and the systematic manner in which that organization is kept in motion. It is as good a model for benevolent operations as exists among the missionary bodies of the country.

Its next anniversary is appointed to be held at Utica.

THE NEW-JERSEY BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION.

Anniversary, First Wednesday in November.

Rev. G. S. Webb, New Brunswick, *President.*

" Morgan J. Rhees, Trenton, *Secretary.*

P. P. Runyon, Esq. New Brunswick, *Treasurer.*

This is an important and valuable auxiliary. It was organized in 1830, since which time it has been unremittingly engaged in disseminating the truth as it is in Jesus.

Only three missionaries have been employed within the boundaries of the State during the past year. The funds were appropriated to aid 14 churches, and by those appropriations, about 11 and a half years of ministerial labor have been secured to the Convention. Thirty persons were baptized by the missionaries, and 140 were added by baptism to the churches aided.

The Convention has published with their Annual Report, a very interesting Historical Sketch of the denomination in that State, and of the rise and progress of the Convention itself, which is well worth possessing and preserving by every Baptist: and furnishes a praise-worthy example for all similar bodies to follow which have not already given to the churches the record of the early struggles of their fathers, and their own efforts to perpetuate the blessings produced by them.

The receipts of the past year for Home Missions, were \$1549 84.

The next anniversary will take place at Hightstown.

PENNSYLVANIA BAPTIST CONVENTION.

Anniversary, the Fourth Wednesday in October.

J. M. Linnard, Esq. Philadelphia, *President.*
 Rev. William Shadrach, " *Secretary.*
 George W. Donohue, Esq. " *Treasurer.*

The Convention in this state is yet in its infancy. Though some embarrassments seem to have attended the early efforts of the Board of Managers, latterly they have had the satisfaction to find a reviving spirit spreading among the churches of the state. Their treasury has been better supplied, and at their last annual meeting they had 15 missionaries acting under their commission. On account of an alteration in the time of their annual meeting, the reports of their missionaries had not been forwarded, and the Board could not, therefore, furnish any definite account of the labor performed, or its fruit. They have reason to believe, however, that the conversion of sinners to God, and the promotion of spiritual prosperity in several feeble churches, had occurred under the ministrations of their missionaries. In their own language, "Those famishing children of the desert are now fed with the fine wheat of their Father's land; and where Ichabod was about to be written on some of our deserted posts, Hephzibah and Beulah are now being heard there. The voice of rejoicing is heard in the tabernacles of the righteous."

Their receipts since the last annual report were \$1443 19.

The next anniversary will be held in Philadelphia.

THE MARYLAND BAPTIST UNION ASSOCIATION.

Anniversary, Thursday before the Third Lord's-day in Oct.

George F. Adams, *Moderator.*
 William Smith, *Secretary.*
 — — —, *Treasurer.*

In the state of Maryland no General Convention of our denomination has yet been organized; but your Committee are happy in recognising the Union Association of that state as one of the auxiliaries of the Society. In this body an Executive Board is annually elected, and charged with the superintendence of its missionary affairs. The brethren composing it appear to have prosecuted their labors with good success. Within the current year they have secured the services of a General Agent, who is employed in visiting the churches, and preaching throughout the state; a measure which, it is believed, will increase the strength of the body, and operate favorably on the interests of the denomination. The Association has another missionary in

the field, and still another under appointment, who is expected to enter upon his labors soon.

The amount of funds raised the past year was \$244 53.

The Association will hold its next anniversary at Pikesville.

THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF VIRGINIA.

Anniversary, Saturday before first Lord's-day in June.

Rev. James B. Taylor, *Moderator.*

I. W. Allen, *Secretary.*

This very efficient missionary body in the "Antient Dominion," has reached the 17th year of its operations, and has reason to feel much satisfaction in the retrospect of its benevolent efforts.

The great object of the Association is to supply the destitute within their own state; in promoting which they have now 22 missionaries, including a General Agent, the aggregate of whose labors amounts to more than 15 years for one individual. The past year was one of uncommon spiritual barrenness, and yet the Association has been released from the support of four missionaries, by the churches with which they were laboring, having acquired sufficient ability to assume their entire support.

The annual report of this body is a highly interesting production, exhibiting evidence of enlarged views and liberality in the denomination, great activity and devotedness in the acting Board of Managers, and a pleasing degree of success attending their efforts for the dissemination of truth and righteousness.

The receipts of the year were \$7447 84.

The next anniversary is to be held in Richmond.

BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION OF NORTH CAROLINA.

Anniversary, Friday before first Lord's-day in October.

Alfred Dockery, Richmond Co., *President.*

W. H. Jordan, ———, *Corresponding Secretary.*

A. J. Battlo, Raleigh, *Treasurer.*

The Baptist Convention of North Carolina has a large and important field before them, which they are endeavoring to cultivate under some discouraging circumstances. A destitution of the means of grace exists to a great extent in this state, and an inactive spirit prevails in some of the churches, which may require months if not years to overcome. But the Convention has had four missionaries, including a general agent, employed the past year in very active service, supplying destitute churches and conducting protracted meetings. Much good has been done in this way, and the brethren are assured, from the increased de-

mand for missionary labor, that correct principles are on the advance.

The receipts of the last year were \$575 54.

The next anniversary will be held at Johnson, Liberty M. H. Johnson county.

ILLINOIS BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION.

Anniversary, Second Wednesday in October.

Rev. O. C. Comstock, ———, *President.*

“ John M. Peck, Rock Spring, *Secretary.*

Elias Hibbard, Esq., Upper Alton, *Treasurer.*

This Convention has been organized but about five years, but it has accomplished an amount of good in the state and its vicinity, transcending the expectation of its most sanguine friends, and can only be appreciated amidst the revelations of the great day of the Lord. Our brethren composing it have entered upon the work of diffusive benevolence, in all its variety, as the distinguishing characteristic of their practical religion; stopping at nothing short of a universal prevalence of holiness among men, but laboring, as they ought, more immediately in the field where God has providentially cast their lot.

Classical and theological education, of a sound character, is encouraged by them through the medium of Shurtleff College; an ably conducted religious periodical, “the Banner and Pioneer,” is extensively circulated, and deserves what it will speedily receive, a substantial support; and everywhere neat and commodious houses of worship, in central situations, are springing up for the accommodation of their numerous congregations.

But the great work of this valuable auxiliary is the promotion of the Home Mission cause. During the past year they have employed 17 missionaries, including their general agent, brother J. M. Peck. The amount of labor performed by them, during the period of their respective appointments, will equal ten years and six months. The labors of their indefatigable agent have been great, diversified and profitable. He travelled in the time 3528 miles, and was prevented from greatly adding to them only by sickness.

The treasurer acknowledges receipts for the year to the amount of \$1408 18, which have been expended for Home Missions, exclusive of voluntary missionary labors performed in the state to the amount of \$2000.

The Convention has recommended that each Association in the state connected with them, take immediate measures to employ and sustain a missionary to travel within its own bounds, a

recommendation which, if acted upon, as it probably will be, to a good extent, will prove productive of rich and permanent benefit to the churches in Illinois.

The next anniversary is appointed at Upper Alton.

THE FRANKLIN BAPTIST HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY, MO.

Anniversary.

Jacob H. Rambo, *President.*
John C. Brickey, *Cor. Secretary.*
Jacob Boas, *Treasurer.*

Not having received the last annual report of this Society, your Committee are unable to present a statement of the particular action of the body. Through a private correspondent, however, it is understood that this auxiliary is exerting a very salutary influence. They have determined to employ two missionaries the ensuing year, and their Executive Committee have severally and individually pledged themselves for their support.

THE STANTON-STREET BAPTIST FEMALE MISSIONARY SOCIETY,
NEW-YORK.

Anniversary.

Miss Mary Cox, New-York, *President.*
Mrs. Eliza Plymmer, " *Secretary.*
" Clarinda Phelps, " *Treasurer.*

The second anniversary of this Society afforded evidence of increasing interest in Home Missions. Quarterly meetings are regularly held, and the efforts of the Managers in increasing the number of members and amount of funds are successful.

The amount raised during the past year—\$75, has been acknowledged in our Treasurer's report.*

TREASURY.

Respecting the state of the Treasury, the Executive Committee feel obliged to speak with some degree of hesitation. Not that

* Several other auxiliaries exist in different portions of the country, but no annual reports or other official communications have been received from them. With much regret, therefore, the Committee are under the necessity of omitting to notice them. But it is their earnest request that, hereafter, a copy of those reports may be forwarded by mail immediately after their publication—*previous to the first of April annually, if possible*—as our Annual Report should then be made up.

The aggregate of receipts from those auxiliary bodies whose reports were at hand is \$33,403 00.

it is embarrassed. On the contrary the Treasurer's Report exhibits a sound condition of his department. But because the aggregate of receipts is so much less than it should be. It is true, the resources at their disposal were obtained during the widespread prevalence of financial embarrassment and distress, and under disadvantages growing out of a long vacancy in one of the offices in the executive department. But when the number and resources of our denomination, and the extended and extending field for cultivation are considered, the Committee cannot look upon that aggregate but with feelings of disappointment.

The Treasurer's Report, this year, presents a statement of receipts and disbursements by our auxiliaries in support of the same cause; and it is hoped, that in future, the Annual Reports of all our auxiliaries will be promptly forwarded, so that an annual exhibit may be made, much more creditable to the benevolence of the denomination than heretofore.

Another cause of hesitation, singular as it may seem, is the fact of a balance remaining in the treasury. Such facts too frequently create supineness among the friends of benevolent effort; and such a consequence at this time would prove disastrous. That balance will soon be exhausted. Many drafts will be made upon the treasury within a short time, and the credit of the society, and happiness of the missionaries require that it should be constantly replenished. Besides which, it should be known that several new appointments have been recently made, and many more missionaries should, and probably will be, commissioned immediately, to answer pressing calls from important points of the country.

The great pressure in money matters throughout the country cannot be immediately removed, and months will transpire ere many of our friends are relieved from its effects so as to encourage us with their accustomed liberality: indeed, information has already been received from sources which leaves no room for doubt, that a considerable amount of the usual supply of funds will, this year, fail to reach us.

Under such circumstances it is essential to the prosperity of the society, that all its auxiliaries and friends should guard against the spirit of apathy, and enter upon seasonable arrangements to furnish ample means of sustaining all their present operations, and enabling them to extend them as the necessities for extension shall exist.

The receipts of the last year, including the balance from 1838, and exclusive of those reported through the medium of auxiliaries, amounted to \$18,370 38. The amount collected through those auxiliaries was \$33,133 10, making a total amount of receipts for the year, of \$51,503 48. The disbursements during the same period, exclusive of those of auxiliaries amounted to \$13,537;

those of the auxiliaries, were \$33,133 10—which, added to the above, make a total of \$46,670, 10—and leaves a balance in the treasury of \$4,833 38.

APPLICATIONS FOR AID.

The applications for aid from your treasury are limited only by the advance of society westward, and its ramifications from thence north and south. The Macedonian cry is repeated from very many places, and though it often rises imploringly from far within the dense forest, or the centre of some vast prairie, it also reaches the ears of the Committee in as moving strains from the midst of populous and important villages and cities. This is not mentioned because it is an unexpected or undesired event: it is the natural result of the society's past efforts—of its very existence. It was to be expected at the very organization of the society, that in proportion to the increase of population in the new States and Territories, there would be demands upon our benevolence. In this, therefore, we are not disappointed; but it is proper to state that the real necessities for assistance from our treasury, far exceed the calculations usually made even by experienced men.

It has always been the desire of the Executive Committee to keep a watchful eye upon the whole field assigned to their superintendence, and to allow no portion of it to be left without cultivation, and no qualified laborer to remain unemployed who desired to work. But in this respect they have not been gratified. They have been compelled to look upon many valuable portions of the Lord's heritage, while destitute of that cultivation, when there was not, within their knowledge, "a man to till the ground:" and sometimes, when a servant of God has applied for an appointment, an exhausted state of the treasury has proved a serious embarrassment in their way. Were their ability doubly greater than it is, the Committee could not supply the ministerial destitution reigning far and wide in localities of great importance.

The pressing and affecting nature of the applications received by the Committee, may be learned by a few selections made from their correspondents.

One brother, in addressing your Committee on the subject in behalf of three Counties, says: there are brethren there who have once enjoyed the labors of some of our ministers, who are now utterly destitute, owing to their want of means to support them: and with weeping eyes they implore your aid, saying, they have no one to break to them the bread of life.

Another, describing a large tract of country, containing a population of 3000 inhabitants, and presenting many encouragements for missionary labor says, "from all parts of this tract the Mace-

donian cry is urgently and incessantly heard ; and there is but one minister occupying it to respond to that cry."

One correspondent informs us, that northern Ohio is truly a destitute region ; that two counties which he names are entirely destitute of ordained Baptist ministers ; and so far as he knows, of other denominations also. He earnestly asks the appointment of missionaries.

A missionary in Illinois states that there is not another preacher within thirty miles of him. He begs for assistants, and even offers to surrender his own comparatively pleasant and easy situation to any faithful minister who will occupy it, and seek another for himself.

From Michigan, a brother writes that new fields are constantly opening, but there is a want of men and means to occupy them. He then enumerates five or six places of present importance, and destined to become more and more so, where Baptist ministers would be gladly received.

Your Committee could mention many other calls upon their attention, but these are sufficient to show the demand for men and means, and they feel confident that their motive and object will be appreciated when they say, the voice of the West must be heard and answered.

CHARACTER, LABORS, AND PRIVATIONS OF OUR MISSIONARIES.

Western missionaries fill stations of great importance and responsibility. Their work is to improve the moral and social character of a portion of our countrymen who are destined powerfully to influence the moral and social character of the whole : and it must be performed amidst all the inconveniences, difficulties, and changes incident to a new and unsettled state of society. A work like this, to be executed under such circumstances, requires the agency of men who, to say the least, are intelligent ; trained in the school of experience ; acquainted with human nature ; of stern integrity ; pure and unbending moral principle ; and gentle in their social intercourse with all men. They ought, also, in general, to be capable of enduring sufficient physical effort to encounter successfully, trials, fatigue, and danger ; because these lie thickly scattered in their path. They are men, then, who are far from enjoying luxury or ease.

Your Committee are happy in being able to say that, in general, the missionaries of this society are men of this stamp ; and appear to act with all their responsibility in view.

One of them remarks, in one of his letters : "The western missionary has straits to pass, difficulties to encounter, and privations to suffer, which experience alone can teach any man to appreciate." He adds, in substance—He must be a man of God,

imbued with the Spirit of Jesus Christ, and, compared with pastors, or itinerant ministers in older States, if he receive not stripes above measure, or is not in prison more frequent, at least his labors must be more abundant and accompanied with more perils from more sources.

One of our missionaries preaches nearly every day, on a circuit that admits of but one sermon in a place monthly. Another spends his time among several destitute churches on a circuit exceeding a hundred miles ; devoting one week to each visit, and preaching from ten to fourteen sermons during that time. Another describes, in most affecting language, scenes of personal and domestic suffering from sickness, through which he passed alternately with his wife, each in turn acting as physician and nurse to the other, when a physician and nurse for both were necessary, but when such assistance could not be obtained at any rate. During an interval of this affliction, when he thought himself sufficiently convalescent, he undertook a tour of ministerial labor more than a hundred miles from home : at this distance he was unfortunately deprived of his horse, and was compelled, encumbered with his portmanteau and other baggage to commence retracing his way on foot. Though kindly assisted a part of the distance, the fatigues of the journey produced a relapse of sickness, under which he was obliged to travel fifty miles ; and on reaching home found his wife in a similar condition, by which they both subsequently suffered much distress. " Still," says our brother, " we do not long for the flesh-pots of New-York, or the abundance of those luxuries which load the tables of many of our brethren and sisters at the East. We expected when we left that country to encounter many hardships and trials, and the Lord has seen proper, thus far, not to disappoint us in this respect. Notwithstanding we have endured many afflictions since we left our brethren for this destitute region, yet we have not the least regret that we came here ; and we feel willing to be brought to a piece of bread and a cup of cold water, if by this means we may be permitted to break the bread of eternal life, and present the cup of salvation to immortal souls perishing in their sins ; and if it please the Lord to cut us down on the threshold of our labors, we feel to say, the will of the Lord be done." Another missionary in the Western valley when describing some recent improvements in the country tells us, they are made where not long since he was compelled to prosecute his labors in the face of almost insuperable difficulties ; riding eight or ten miles where there was not so much as a bridle-path ; where he was obliged to swim his horse across the streams at the risk of his life, his clothes freezing upon him ; and where he used to preach beneath trees, or in smoky huts so open that the stars of heaven could be seen shining through the roof : and all this, sometimes, for the benefit of from four to twelve hearers, (the most that could be con-

vened in many neighborhoods at that time,) and not unfrequently when assailed by opposers of various sorts. But it was to feed the sheep and lambs of Christ's flock—to turn the feet of wanderers from the downward way to death ; and he was willing to suffer all this for Christ's sake, and the sake of their souls.

A ministering brother in Ohio, when applying for an appointment, writes, "I came here poor, and found this little handful scattered like sheep and lambs among wolves, and they were unable to assist me. I labored with my own hands to support my family ; experienced many embarrassments from those who were unfriendly and endeavored to sow discord among us ; but by visiting and preaching from house to house, and toiling and suffering night and day, we have thus far moved forward and prevailed." But his personal affairs, by this course, became much embarrassed, and in this situation applied for assistance.

In Indiana, one of our missionaries became acquainted with a brother in the ministry, who had been a number of years laboring in that state. He had a large family to support, and by endeavoring to break the bread of life to starving souls around him, had almost reduced himself and family to starvation for the bread that perisheth. So great were his necessities, that at one time a christian friend, visiting him with a small present of provisions, from a neighboring church, found him entirely destitute of every thing essential for a single meal. As he very modestly related his condition, his friend could not refrain from weeping, especially when he informed him that his children often cried for bread and he had none to give them. This man's whole soul is enlisted in preaching the gospel, but he would have been compelled to desist, and provide for his family, unless aided from some source. It is almost superfluous to add, this brother was immediately aided by your Committee, and thereby a valuable missionary was secured for the Society.

Your Committee will mention but one more case. It is that of brother Hughes, already mentioned in connexion with our Welch friends. In soliciting a re-appointment, he uses language affecting to the pious heart ; "thankful for your co-operation in behalf of the Gomerian family scattered over this land, I have to ask the continuance of that co-operation. I am poor. I own no land, no stock, and possess no money. All I have is what my faithful companion in trouble may provide by the labor of her hands, assisted by two young boys. And while they toil and labor at home, I am travelling on foot over hills and mountains, preaching the unsearchable riches of Christ to my kinsmen."

Surely, brethren, here are strong incentives to sympathy—here is work for philanthropy and religion. In these missionaries have we friends ? Let the philanthropist show himself friendly. Or

in them have we brethren? Let the christian love them as brethren, and stretch forth for their relief a brother's hand, laden with the benevolence of a brother's heart.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The reports of all the agents and missionaries assure your Committee that the interests of Sunday schools receive attention in the churches and stations under their care. Many schools previously established have been strengthened; several have been organized where none previously existed; and in but few cases has the story of adversity been told concerning them. Where such cases have occurred, it is pleasing to state that they did not originate in apathy, but on account of the scattered and distant residence from the schools of the scholars and teachers.

Your Committee regret that they are unable at this time to present statistics of this department of their labors. From many churches and missionaries no such statistics have been sent them; from quite a large number they have received only some general statements, and an attempt to offer an arranged table, or even a summary of this subject, would prove unsatisfactory to all concerned. These schools deserve special notice, and it is hoped that future arrangements will prove successful in developing every thing interesting to be known in connexion with them.

In the estimation of your Committee, Sunday schools, as nurseries of the young mind, are invaluable. Creating, as they do, when properly conducted, a familiarity with and reverence for the word of God, they are constantly, though unobtrusively, fitting the youth of the land to exert an enlightened moral influence in society, greatly subservient to the best interests of mankind. And when their own history so decidedly proves their efficiency as instrumentalities in the spiritual conversion of souls, is not their influence, in connexion with missionary operations, like the "small rain" of heaven, which, though not apparently productive of such direct results as are seen in the heavy showers, nevertheless fertilizes the land and clothes the young plants with verdant beauty? In the language of one of your respected missionaries in a western state, each Sunday school may be regarded "as a sort of recruiting rendezvous for the increase of our great Captain's army," and therefore, in subordination to the more direct means employed for the moral and spiritual interests of the world, should be cherished with unremitting solicitude by every church, and every minister, and every philanthropist in the world.

MATERNAL ASSOCIATIONS.

Your Committee has been much gratified by communications from missionaries, in which allusion is made to the existence and successful operation of Maternal Associations in churches at the "West," aided by your funds: and they mention them in this place because they deserve more extensive attention, and because it is very desirable they should increase wherever the benefactions of this Society are enjoyed.

TRACT DISTRIBUTION.

In the last Annual Report, your Committee acknowledged a very liberal grant of tracts for distribution in the western states, from the American and Baptist General Tract Societies. It has caused them much sorrow, however, in ascertaining that it was very inconvenient, and in some cases almost impossible, to transport those tracts to such local depositories as would admit of supplying every missionary, consequently the work of distribution has been but partially performed. But they are happy to state that it constituted a delightful and beneficial part of the labor of several of those missionaries during the year. Though often attended with inconvenience while pursuing their long rides in the woods or prairies, they always carried with them a quantity of these messengers of truth and love, and always returned with their temporary supply entirely exhausted. Nearly every one of them state, in substance, in their last reports, that, had they been sufficiently supplied, they could have distributed double the number they did.

Your Committee do not feel the necessity of discussing the utility of religious tracts, nor the importance of them as auxiliaries in the work of the world's conversion to God; but they wish to be known as the decided friends of tract distribution, and desirous of affording all the facilities for it in their power.

ENCOURAGEMENTS.

Notwithstanding many impediments to the progress of the cause of Christ exist in the western states and territories, they are only the impediments peculiar to a new country, and an imperfectly organized condition of society. None but the inexperienced or ignorant would think it practicable to plant the gospel in such communities as are frequently found there, without encountering much privation, disappointment and affliction. There the missionary of the cross will often meet the chilling influence of covetousness, indifference and opposition, mingled with errors

in doctrine and practice, emanating sometimes from professed christians, whose worldly spirit has converted them into adventurers for mammon's sake ; and who, on this account, have indulged in habitual negligence of personal and relative religious duties. There is not an evil of this nature that does not exist in some portions of the great western valley. But there is not one of them which has not also been met by some of our resolute and persevering missionaries, with great advantage to the cause of religion. In places where those missionaries could not once gain a hearing, they are now eagerly sought after. Where churches were approaching the verge of dissolution, and even had actually lost their visibility, they have been revived by them. Some of those churches are now prosperous and valuable auxiliaries in the cause of christian benevolence. Where moral desolation and death cast their dark shadows round the footsteps of the people, the light of the glorious gospel of the blessed God has enlightened them. Your Committee could mention many instances to illustrate these remarks were it necessary.

The prospects of usefulness for the future, are not less at this time than they have been at any former period. Several fields in the moral wilderness which, till recently, were lying waste and unproductive, appear to be sending forth a blooming verdure, and yielding the peaceable fruits of righteousness in a variety and abundance which indicate a rapid approach towards fertility and value. Brother Jacob Bower, one of our missionaries in Illinois, presents, in one of his reports, an interesting comparison between the present state of religious interests, and that which presented itself on his introduction to that country in 1832. " Then there were no meeting houses for the worship of God : public worship was held in some humble cottage, or beneath the shade of some wide-spreading tree. The congregation was often not more than ten, or seven, or even four persons, and these were compelled to encounter severe opposition for Christ's sake. But now all is changed. Sinners have been converted to God ; churches have been constituted ; meeting houses have been built ; Sunday schools, Bible classes, and Temperance societies have sprung up, and christian benevolence displays itself in every variety of form. The agency of the Home Mission Society in this work is evident, and many persons, previously prejudiced and opposed to it, now acknowledge in view of its benefits that the cause of missions is the cause of God."

Besides these things, in proportion as the sentiments and practice of our churches become understood, they are favorably regarded by the people. Perfectly congenial with all the free institutions of our country, our principles are regarded as essential to their preservation, and are relied upon as paramount means of their perpetuity by multitudes of our fellow citizens.

Your Committee would not overlook, among the encourage-

ments before us, the fact of an increasing annual emigration of our brethren westward, from the atlantic states, among whom are many who have been long valued in the places of their nativity as pious, useful disciples of Christ. May we not hope that with such "salt" widely and thickly diffused abroad, a preserving influence will follow, greatly to be desired and greatly encouraging to all the friends of Home Missions ! And may we not expect that with invigorated spirituality among themselves, augmented moral strength from abroad, and maintaining characteristic sentiments that are popular among the people, these western churches will exert a moral influence of vast extent and advantage to the community, and ultimately assume a station among the most important of our fellow laborers in the work of christian benevolence.

CONCLUSION.

In reviewing the year's labor, your Committee feel happy in the assurance that they have had a single eye to the grand object contemplated in the organization of the society—"to promote the preaching of the gospel in North America."

The projectors of the society were aware of the fatal influences exerted upon the minds and hearts of mankind by unbelief, infidelity, Popery, and other false systems and doctrines, and of the tendency of these evils upon the philanthropy, patriotism, and religion of their countrymen. They were also aware of the number and character of the experiments originating in human wisdom, which have been tried for the moral improvement of human society, but which have utterly failed ; and their faith and experience taught them the value of the gospel of Jesus Christ as the only effectual substitute. The wisdom and benevolence which prompted them in their preliminary measures in this society have been fully tested by the results of eight years—results upon which we may look with satisfaction and encouragement. They have proved that the cause of Home Missions is the cause of God, and demonstrated the necessity of christian activity and faithfulness in sustaining it.

In thus expressing themselves, your Committee are influenced by no narrow views of policy ; no prepossessions in favor of this branch of christian benevolence which can, by fair construction, militate against any other ; but with the full conviction that, in this country at least, our Home Missions are the preliminary operations upon which every other benevolent object of a more general and diffusive nature must be predicated : they are as essential to them as the foundation is to the superstructure which rests upon it.

By Home Missionary instrumentalities we must endeavor to improve the public morals, to increase the number of Christ's dis-

ciples around us ; and to preserve the purity, and excite the usefulness of the churches.

The obligations of the people of God to do these things, may be found in the moral condition of the world ; the necessities of the church ; and above all, the commands of Christ. Studying the nature of the obligations in connexion with these considerations, it will be seen that the cause is one of very great importance ; that it must not be classed with secondary labors, nor subjected to invidious comparisons with more popular ones ; but without detaching from other labors a single honor, or subjecting them to a single disadvantage, this must be held up prominently, and affectionately as a work of faith and labor of love, worthy of all praise and support, until the Lord Jesus Christ " shall come to be glorified in his saints, and to be admired in all them that believe in that day."

In behalf of the Executive Committee,

BENJAMIN M. HILL, *Cor. Secretary.*

TREASURER'S REPORT.

AMERICAN BAPTIST HOME MISSION SOCIETY, in account with R. W. MARTIN,
Treasurer.

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To amount paid on drafts to Missionaries, Agents, and Secretaries, since last Report		\$8981 33
do Postages, Exchanges, and Travelling expenses		1044 56
do Printing		236 11
do Rent of Missionary Rooms		275 00
do Loans paid		3000 00
do Expended by State Conventions, as per other side		33,133 10
do Balance in Southern funds and drafts not matured	3730	
do Cash	1103 38	4833 38
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		\$51,503 48

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By Balance from old account		\$1036 09
do Receipts from State Conventions, Societies, and Individuals, and also amounts expended by the several Conventions, so far as their reports have been made to the Executive Committee, viz.		

		Received and expended } by State Conventions. }	
Maine	1493 87	318 77	
New Hampshire, (no report)		269 13	
Vermont	2610 30	1 00	
Massachusetts, (no report)		513 20	
Rhode Island	963 06	402 52	
Connecticut	527 94	541 59	
New-York	12,863 91	6966 14	
New-Jersey	1549 84	335 69	
Pennsylvania, (6 months expenditure)	1443 09	579 50	
District of Columbia, (no report)		271 60	
Virginia	7447 84	1900 83	
Maryland	249 53	883 52	
North Carolina	575 54	235 65	
South Carolina, (no report)		1656 88	
Georgia, (no report)		1848 27	
Illinois	3408 18		
Scotland		210 00	
Received from Brattleboro' Typographical Association, for Comprehensive Commentary sold		400 00	
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			\$51,503 48

Balance from old account		4833 38
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R. W. MARTIN, Treasurer.

New-York, April 2, 1840.

This is to certify, that I have examined the above account, leaving a balance due the Home Mission Society of Four thousand Eight hundred and Thirty-three dollars, and Thirty-eight cents, and find it correct.

JNO. R. LUDLOW, Auditor.

New-York, April 27, 1840.

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT IN DETAIL.

Moneys received by R. W. MARTIN, Treasurer of the "American Baptist Home Mission Society," 1839—40.

Members of 11th Baptist ch. Philadelphia, per Rev. A. D. Gillett	\$15 00	New-York State Convention, per Rev. Jno. Peck	\$200 00
Priscilla Barnhurst, Philadelphia	5 00	Received per Rev. J. C. Murphy	210 10
James Paterson, Germantown	3 00	Mr. Douglas, of Cavers, Scotland	25 00
Professor Chase, of Newton	1 00	Collections in N. C. pr H. Wilcox	30
Collection at Annual Meeting at Sansom-street church, including avails of Jewelry	82 24	Female Miss. Society, of 1st Baptist church, Philadel., per S. D. Butler	18 00
Juvenile Missionary Society, of Baptist church, Hudson, in addition to the sums already paid toward constituting the Rev. E. C. Brown, Life Director, per S. S. Hathaway	30 00	Trenton and Lamberton Associations, per Rev. M. J. Rhees	3 36
Baptist ch., St. Helena Island, Beaufort District, S. C. per Daniel Bythewood, per John C. Murphy	200 00	Williamsburgh ch, per E. Withington	20 00
New York Sabbath School Missionary Association, by Jno. Haviland, Treasurer, being amount received from Sabbath School Missionary Society, connected with East Broome-st. ch	15 62	Received per Jno. Haviland, 1st Ch. Brooklyn Sabbath School	12 50
New-York State Convention, from Jno. Peck, per hands of Rev. J. C. Murphy	\$1000	Received per Jno. Haviland, Stanton-st. Baptist church, Sunday School	47 00
Less amount accounted for before as received fm Catskill	125	Carmel Baptist Miss Society, per Jonathan Cole, Treasurer	300 00
Oliver-street Baptist Home Mission Society, per Mrs. H. W. Cauldwell, Tr.	875 00	Mass. Baptist State Convention, pr W. D. Ticknor, Treasurer	40 00
Becaucus Island Baptist church, N. Y. per Rev. S. H. Cone	100 00	Hudson Baptist Sunday School, per W. B. Skinner, Treasurer	5 00
From a few friends at Williamsburgh, per E. Withington	2 00	Williamsburgh Ch. by E. Withington	
Executors of Miss Abigail Marshall, on account of Legacy	4 05	Rhode Island State Convention, pr Br. J. Bates, Treasurer	
Legacy of Margaret Pugsley, Dutchess Co., per Cornelia Pugsley, \$250, interest \$30	702 17	A Friend for Baptist Home Mission Society, per Miss A. C. Titus, Treas of the Compton Juvenile Mission Society	\$4 00
Collections in Rhode Island, and Connecticut, by Rev. Jas. Huckins, Agt	230 00	W. E. Clark, 1st Church, Providence, for 1839.	3 00
Stephentown Baptist Association, by G. W. Glass, Treasurer	300 00	Subscription to bro. Huckins, Agt. in 2d Baptist Ch. Richmond	3 50
Rec'd from Elder J. Knapp, by draft on Baltimore Bank, from Rev. Otis Briggs, Agent	30 00	Female Western Mission Society, connected with Baptist church, Warren, R. I. per Rev. J. C. Welch	50 00
Doreas Hunting, Corinth, Maine, by her husband to make her Life Member in part	500 00	New Hampshire State Convention, per I. Gault, Treasurer	00 30
Church and Congregation, Kennebunk, Maine	10 00	Heman Lincoln, Esq. from Baptist church and Society, in North Yarmouth, Maine, per Rev. Z. Bradford	244 13
Female Miss. Society, Kennebunk	7 39	Baptist church, Shelburn Falls	
York Association, Contributions	3 10	Mass per Cyrus Alden	16 25
Sundry Collections, Maine	6 62	Middle-street Female Miss. Society, Portsmouth, New Hampshire, per Rev. F. G. Brown	15 00
Union Baptist Association, of Westchester and Putnam Counties, per Samuel McCord, Treasurer	280 20	From Louisa Mumford, 1st Directress of Western Association of 1st Baptist Ch. at Providence, R. I. in addition, to constitute Rev. James Huckins Life Director	40 5
Member of the Brewington Church, through the Rev. Eli Ball	85 19	And for use of Rev. D. Orr	70 00
Jno. Ferrier, of Middletown, N. J., by Robert Edwards, N. Y.	30 00	Legacy of Mrs. Irene Coates, per Alfred Decker, Esq.	50 00
Received from Hon. H. Lincoln	5 00	Benevolent Individual of Georgia, per Rev. D. C. Mallory	500 00
Mr. Page, of China, Me. per Jo. H. Ingraham	50	Jno. A. Miller, New-York	150 00
A Female friend	2 50	Thomas Haynes, Va. by E. Ball	10 00
A member of Brewington church, in King and Queen Co. Va. per Rev. Eli Ball	10 00	Thomas Garrison, New-York	5 00
Mrs. E. Nicholls, Cambridge, Mass. pr Hon. L. Farwell	5 00	Stanton-street Miss. Society, N. Y.	15 00
Shaftsbury Missionary Society, Vt. per Geo. Huntington, Treasurer	1 00	Benjamin Halsted, New-York	20 00
Mrs. Tilsen Pratt, of Carver, Mass.	25	Mrs L. Green, New Bedford	10 00
Middle-street Baptist Female Missionary Soc. of Portsmouth, N. Hampshire	10 00	J. Haviland, New-York	5 00
		Juveni Mission Society, of Oliver-st. church, per J. Haviland	3 00
		Joseph Reynolds	2 00
		D. F. Newton	5 00
		Luke Davies	2 00
		Robt. King	1 00
		J. B. Ludlow	25 00

Collections in New-Jersey, per J. W. Gibbs	\$195 00	District of Columbia.		
Brattleborough Typographical Association, for Comprehensive Commentary sold	400 00	First church, Washington to constitute Rev. O. B. Brown, Life Director	92 10	
Collections in Virginia, per Rev. Otis Briggs, Agent	1000 00	James McIntosh, Georgetown	5 00	
Collections in Pennsylvania, per Rev. Otis Briggs, Agent	100 00	Margaret McIntosh, do	5 00	
Collections in South Carolina, pr Rev. James Huchies, Agent	1400 88	Navy Yard Ch. Wash. to constitute Rev. N. Purify, L. M.	30 00	
Collections in Georgia, per Rev. James Huchies, Agent	1402 88	John Withers, Alexandria	75 00	
Collections in Conn. and Rhode Island, per Rev. James Huchies, Agent	400 00	Mrs. Mary Cawood, do	5 00	
A Subscriber to Baptist Advocate, per Wm. H. Wyckoff, editor	20 00	Thomas Eats, a little boy, for native children	4 50	
J. W. of Mobile, pr Rev. S. H. Cone	1 00	A Friend from Va.	5 00	
A few Friends at Williamsburgh, per Bro. E. Withington	6 25	Collection in Alexandria	35 00	
Youth's Denominational Mission Society, per George C. Germond, Treasurer	654 00	Professor Wm. Ruggles, Columbian College, Washing.	10 00	
Collections in North Carolina, pr Rev. Otis Briggs, Agent	125 00	A Friend do	5 00	
Collections by Rev. Jas. C. Murphy	150 00			\$272 00
Rev. B. M. Hill	13 80	Virginia.		
A. B. per Brother Sears	5 00	Brownington Ch. by Elder Ball	25 00	
Per Joe. Peck, General Agent, Kingsbury Church	15 85	Rev. J. S. Walthall, Richmond	2 50	
Joe. Haviland, for Tusawanda station	5 00	Collection in 3d Ch. do	14 75	
Per Rev. Joe. Peck, Agent, Lavinia Barry, Brooklyn	1 25	H. C. Wortham do	5 00	
Oliver-st. Female Home Miss. Society, per Mrs. Cauldwell	100 00	Petersburgh church, to constitute Rev. Wm. Southwood, Life Member	32 81	
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Mrs. Sarah Rankin, by her husband, Henry Rankin, Reading, Pennsylvania

" **Eliza Rankin, do Peter Rankin, do do**

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Hezekiah Shailer, by the M. S. Lit. Inst. Suffield, Connecticut

Rev. N. W. Smith, by 2d church, Nashua, New-Hampshire

" **Joseph Shepherd, by the church and congregation, Mount Holly, New-Jersey**

" **Henry Smalley, by church and congregation, Cohansey, do**

" **S. F. Smith, Waterville, Me. by his church and Society**

" **Horace Scaver, Warren, do do do**

" **Silas Stearns, Bath do do do**

Isaiah Spalding, Chelmsford, Massachusetts

***Hon. Oliver Starkweather**

Charles Shed

Rev. Peter Sparks, by church and congregation, Lyons Farms, New-Jersey

" **James M. Stickney, do do do do**

" **Joseph Smith, do do Fruit Hill, Rhode Island**

Asa F. Smith, Newton, Upper Falls, Massachusetts

Thomas Shaw, Esq. Boston

Aaron J. Spirey, Brownsville, Tennessee

Edward B. Skinner, Perquiman's county, North Carolina

Charles W. Skinner, do do

Mrs. Elizabeth Sutton, Britton's Cross Roads, do

Rev. Reuben Sawyer, New-London, New-Hampshire, by his church and congregation

Mrs. Harriet Saunders, by her husband, Wm. Saunders, Lancaster county, Virginia
 " Letitia M. Stout, by her husband, William Stout
 Rev. Samuel Smith, Salem, New-Jersey, by his church
 " Rev. D. B. Stout, Middleton, New-Jersey, by his church and congregation
 " William Southwood, Petersburg, Virginia, by his church
 Mrs. J. M. Stickney, Stamford, Con. by the church and congregation of that place
 James M. Slaughter, Baltimore
 Mrs. Caroline Stokes, New-York, by Oliver-street F. H. M. S.
 Mrs. Catharine B. L. Souders, Pennsylvania

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J. P. Turney, Fairfield, Connecticut, by Mrs. Lydia Sherwood
 Reuben True, Esq. by church in Jeffrey
 Rev. Joseph D. Taylor, by Stephentown Association
 Thomas Thomas, New-York
 Mrs. S. S. Thompson, Pittsborough, North Carolina
 Lewis W. Thompson, Britton's Cross Roads, do
 Osgood True, Plainfield, New Hampshire
 Rev. Peter Thurston, New-York, by E. Cauldwell, Esq.
 " John O. Turpin, by Four Mile Creek church, Va.
 Mrs. Frances G. Tucker, by her husband, F. Tucker, Stony Creek, Virginia
 Frederick Tucker, Stony Creek, Dinwiddie county, Virginia

V

James Vanderpool, Esq. Newark, New-Jersey
 *Rev. Ashley Vaughn, by church and congregation, West Troy, N. Y.
 " Charles Van Loon, by W. Soulden, Esq. Albany

W

Rev. S. White, Staten Island, N. Y. by his church and congregation
 Mrs. E. White, do do do do
 " D. B. L. Wade, Burmah
 Rev. O. Winslow, England, by Y. D. M. S. Brooklyn, N. Y.
 Nathan Waterman, jr. Esq. Providence, Rhode Island, by Sunday School, 1st church
 William Winterton, New-York
 Edward Windust, do
 Robert F. Winslow, do
 Rev. John Walker, Sutton, Massachusetts, by his church
 " Daniel Wildman, Connecticut, by the church in New-London, Connecticut
 " Stephen Wilkins, Galway, N. Y., by his church
 " G. S. Webb, New Brunswick, New-Jersey, do
 " Isaac Wescott, Stillwater, New-York
 " Jonathan Wade, Burmah, by Enon Church, Cincinnati, Ohio
 " Adam Wilson, Bangor, Me. by Ladies of church in Saco
 " Daniel Williams, New-York, Amity-street church
 Elijah Withington, New-York
 Isaac D. Wilson, Esq. Society Hill, South Carolina
 Mrs. Elizabeth Williams, do do
 Ransom Warner, M. D. New-York, by East church
 Rev. Warham Walker, Shaftsbury Centre, Vermont, by church and congregation
 John Wood, Hertford, North Carolina
 William J. Wright, Portsmouth, Virginia
 Rev. D. S. Williams, Clinton, North Carolina
 Mrs. J. T. Wood, Hertford, do
 Edward C. Wilson, Elizabeth city do
 A. Williams, do do
 Mrs. Sarah Whidden, Calais, Me.
 Mrs. Mary D. Woodward, by her husband, Wm. P. Woodward, Middlesex co., Va.
 J. G. Wasson, Esq. Albany, by 1st church
 Mrs. Elizabeth Walker, by church at Marcus Hook, Pennsylvania
 Joel Walton, Virginia
 Rev. Joseph S. Walthall, Richmond, Virginia, by 1st church
 " Patrick Warren, Baltimore

QUARTERLY PAPER

OF THE

AMERICAN BAPTIST HOME MISSION SOCIETY.

"Our Gospel came not unto you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Ghost, and in much assurance—so that ye were ensamples to all that believe. For from you sounded out the word of the Lord, not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place your faith to God-ward is spread abroad."—Paul.

No. V. Mission Rooms, No. 9 Spruce-street, New-York. August, 1840.

OUR brethren throughout the United States are aware that since the decease of the beloved and lamented Luther Crawford, late Corresponding Secretary of the American Baptist Home Mission Society, the Quarterly Paper of that society, which originated with him, has not appeared. It is unnecessary to offer any other reason for its discontinuance than the well known fact that during the whole period since the death of the estimable Secretary, until very near the last anniversary of the Society, his office was unoccupied, except by a temporary arrangement.

The discontinuance of that valuable paper has been regarded as an unfortunate circumstance. It was an important medium of communication between the Executive Committee and the churches, presenting correct information of the wants of our denomination, especially in the valley of the Mississippi; the proper means of supplying those wants, and the efforts of the Committee to employ them for that purpose. It furnished, also, a cheap mode of acknowledging the benefactions of our friends; and while it proved an important and valuable auxiliary of the Society in promoting the great interests for which they labored, it is believed its periodical appearance among the churches was everywhere greeted with a welcome reception.

The attempt to revive it at this time, therefore, can hardly be thought experimental, if, as it is believed, the Baptist denomination is still as much interested in Home Missions as it was eighteen months ago, or if the periodical perusal of documents showing facts connected with missionary operations in our own country is as desirable as it was then. These, it will be the constant care of the present Secretary to present from time to time, especially such as may be furnished by the Agents, Missionaries, and other correspondents of the Society: and in this undertaking, aided by the counsels and contributions of the Executive Committee, he hopes to render it still acceptable and useful.

ADDRESS OF THE SOCIETY.

Communications intended for the Society or Executive Committee, should be addressed to Rev. Benjamin M. Hill, Corresponding Secretary of the American Baptist Home Mission Society, New-York.

Donations and Subscriptions to R. W. Martin, Esq. Treasurer, No. 57 Wall-street.

CORRESPONDENCE OF MISSIONARIES.

MAINE.

Although the American Baptist Home Mission Society bestows its principal and almost exclusive attention upon the new States and territories of the west, it occasionally extends its aid to really deserving churches in other portions of the union. Since the anniversary, application has been made for assistance to a small amount, by the church at Limerick, Me., and the Committee has appointed Rev. Josiah Tilton, their pastor, a missionary for 12 months. It is believed that the small appropriation necessary to sustain this appointment will prove productive of much good.

Brother Tilton informs us, in a letter of 7th of July, that he had baptized 15 persons since May 1st, and that there were other candidates ready for the ordinance. There is a school and Bible class connected with the church, supplied with only a very small library. Besides attending to the ordinary duties of his pastoral office, brother T. visits and labors on a circuit of four or five miles—often extending his tours to adjoining towns.

MARYLAND.

The Calvert-street Church in Baltimore, which, in its infancy and weakness sought and obtained our aid, is no longer dependent upon us. We are now pleased to recognize in that body a willing and useful auxiliary. Brother George F. Adams, their pastor, in forwarding what he considers, probably, the last report of missionary labors he shall have occasion to make, dated March 17, 1840, says, "In my last report, as your missionary, I stated that the affairs of our little church were, at that time, in quite a comfortable and prosperous condition. Such has been the case to the present time, but with increasing interest. To give a detailed account of the work of grace with which God has recently blessed us, is more than I can now do. Suffice it to say that till last Lord's day week, I have been called to baptize every week since October 20th. From April last up to the present time we have received by baptism 110, and by letter 16.

"Connected with the church is a flourishing Sunday school of about 200 pupils; four Bible classes, consisting of nearly eighty members, and every benevolent object of the present day receives their attention.

"The church has finished and furnished their meeting-house at an expense of \$2000, and it is always respectably filled when opened for public worship."

Our brother, in conclusion, says:—"I cannot but feel grateful for the benefit which has resulted from our relation to your society. A flourishing, and it is to be hoped, a useful church has been built up without detracting any thing from any other religious community, save that a few members have joined us by letter. This church we believe and pray may be the means, with others of kindred spirit, of sending forth the light of the gospel to many dark regions of our state. I shall ever recur with interest to the period of my connexion with your society, as one fraught with deepest anxiety and of undeserved success, in the cause of our common Lord.

"If at any time I can render any service to your Executive Committee as a local agent, or otherwise, it will afford me pleasure to do so."

DEAR BROTHER HILL—

Pikesville, Md., July 15, 1840.

Your favor of the 11th was received this day. I have just returned from Tarrytown where we had an interesting meeting. I trust that the Lord is at work among them, and I believe their prospects are better than they have been for years. The field is truly white to harvest, but the laborers are few. Within the last few months every church in the Maryland Union Association (to which I belong) has had revivals, and many have been added. I have several protracted meetings to attend immediately, but scarcely know where to begin first, so urgent are the people for them.

If consistent, I should feel grateful to your Board for a renewal of my commission for another year, as I have a wife and four children to support, and without your assistance it is likely some portion of the Lord's vineyard must be neglected, and I should have to labor with my hands for the remainder of my support, or go to some other place where I could obtain it; this I do not wish as Maryland is so destitute.

Yours in the bonds of the Gospel,

JOSEPH METTAM.

VIRGINIA.

Brother Benjamin Holden in a letter of June 18th, complains that his labors of the past quarter have not been marked with such precious results as a lover of souls and of Christ desires, but rejoices that his congregations are increasing; that there is strong desire manifested for his labors by many who not long since spent the Sabbath in hunting, and other unprofitable amusements on the Lord's day, and in dancing and frolicking at other times. He supplies four stations, two of which are fifty miles, one of them twenty-five and the other thirteen miles distant from his residence. He has travelled 996 miles, preached 47 sermons, and delivered many lectures.

MISSISSIPPI.

Brother B. Cook, jr., labored in the service of the Society in the State of Mississippi nearly six months, and returned from his field in time to be present at the anniversary, but not in season to make his report of labors. He represents the section of the state where he was located, (East Feliciana) and several other portions of it as destitute of gospel privileges, but offering fair prospects of settlement with respectable and influential churches to ministers of suitable qualifications.

The following extract of a letter from brother John Micou, jr., shows the encouraging circumstances under which he is prosecuting his labors.

DEAR BROTHER—

Louisville, Mi., June 30, 1840.

Since writing you there has been a regular accession to the churches to which I preach. I baptized, in Louisville, two in May, and have had the pleasure since to baptize fifteen at Concord. I expect at my next appointment at this place some ten or twelve others will be received. Rejoice with me, my brother, that the Lord is prospering his cause here in some good degree. I have lately taken a tour of preaching in the county of Choctaw, and am to visit the same region each month. I received one who will be baptized on my next visit.

KENTUCKY.

Our esteemed brother F. A. Willard, who acts under appointment of the Society in Louisville, Kentucky, writes that the church with which he is laboring is steadfast, and moving forward towards a condition which he hopes will enable them to sustain themselves ere long without our aid. They are now endeavoring to complete their house of worship, for the erection of which they have shown a spirit of personal zeal and perseverance worthy of all praise. Their number of members is but thirty-nine, and but four or five of the number are in possession of property—none of them are wealthy, yet within nineteen months, the period of their organization, they had raised for the support of the gospel among themselves including the expense of building, \$5000, and about \$500 for education, missionary, and other benevolent purposes.

MISSOURI.

DEAR BROTHER—

Cooper County, June 16, 1840.

I received your very welcome epistle yesterday, dated May 13, and feel grateful for the kindness shown me by your Society, for without your aid I fear I should be compelled to quit the field.

So far the good Lord has been pleased to bless my labors. Upwards of sixty have been brought to submit to Christ in the field of my operations, and I have had the unspeakable pleasure of baptizing forty eight rejoicing converts.

A heart-cheering prospect exists in Lexington, the county seat of Lafayette County. I have visited this place twice, thirty-eight have already been baptized into the fellowship of the Baptist Church in this place, and others are waiting for Baptism.

The Baptist cause is gaining ground rapidly here. Campbellism for a while seemed to take the field; but a body without the Spirit, if not dead, must soon die. So it has proved with them. The Lord will destroy them by the breath of his mouth.

I will write more particularly in my next,

Your unworthy brother,

A. P. WILLIAMS.

Rev. B. M. HILL. Cor. Sec. A. B. H. M. S.

ILLINOIS.

The following extracts of a letter from Bro. Joel Wheeler of McHenry, Illinois, to the Corresponding Secretary, will give some idea of the ministerial destitution of that region, and the efforts of brother Wheeler, to supply that destitution.

"I am obliged to supply a number of stations in McHenry and Lake Counties, and have no associate in that work. I AM ALONE! I have here under my care four churches, one of which was organized last May. This church consists of seventeen members, and is situated in a beautiful and rising village. Other churches would be soon organized within these counties, if pastors could be obtained for them.

"In Wisconsin Territory there are also three promising churches prominently situated, which depend entirely upon my assistance, except when casually supplied by some other. *Thus I have seven churches under my care, and you will see how necessary it is that I should have a few assistants.*"

In a subsequent letter written from New-Hampshire, brother Wheeler informs us that the principal object of his visit there was to find some ministers who were able and willing to accompany him to the West, independent of the assistance of any Missionary Society; but he was almost in despair of accomplishing the object. He found some who were willing, but none of the number able to endure the expense of the undertaking. He had also determined to organize no more churches until he could find pastors to take charge of them. A wise determination for a man who already had the care of seven churches: but what will those "other sheep" in the wilderness do, if no pastors can be found to assist our brother?

TO UNEMPLOYED BAPTIST MINISTERS.

In several of the "Atlantic States" there are many good Baptist ministers without pastoral charge, and not a few who have no stated engagements in preaching, but are desirous of obtaining situations. Some of them find every door closed against their engaging stately in the ministry in any place they have sought, and their daily prayer is, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?"

Let such read the foregoing letter, and then decide if it does not furnish an answer to their prayer. While God is by his holy providence removing so many of his dear children into the wilderness, are his ministers afraid or unwilling to accompany them? Why are the doors of usefulness *among us* closed against so many men whose past usefulness is the theme of many churches, and whose talents qualify them for continued usefulness somewhere? Is it not that they should preach the gospel in the more destitute regions of the West? These are questions of no small importance, and address themselves to the class alluded to with a solemnity that demands such an answer as will satisfy conscience in view of a day when they will be called to give account of their stewardship.

TEXAS.

At the anniversary of the Society in New-York last April, the moral condition of Texas and the prospects of our denomination in that republic occupied a considerable share of attention. By a communication received only a few days previously, the hearts of the delegates were cheered with the unexpected intelligence that many Baptist churches had been organized in that country, the most of which were desirous of obtaining properly qualified pastors; that many of the inhabitants were Baptists in sentiment, and were ready to sustain any well directed effort for the establishment of gospel institutions in the country. This information elicited several animating addresses, and a feeling of warm interest on the part of the Society in the religious improvement of Texas.

Immediately after the meeting exertions were made by the Executive Committee to secure the services of brethren who were understood to be desirous of engaging in a mission to that republic, but though one appointment was made, and an application for another was favorably entertained, events in Divine providence transpired to disappoint expectation in both cases.

It is with much pleasure we now announce the appointment of three young brethren whose hearts appear deeply imbued with the proper spirit, and whose talents promise good for Texas. One of those brethren will, probably be ready to start for the country in due season next fall, the others will follow as soon as circumstances permit.

Letters from brother James Huckins, our Missionary Agent, and verbal information from brother D. R. Wright just returned from that country, leave no room to doubt that the door is *now* open for ministers of our denomination to enter and occupy the land. Here then, is a field for usefulness, that should be entered immediately by men of education, experience, good sense and piety; willing to endure a few privations, and panting for the honor of laying the foundations of a nation's moral character and prosperity.

APPOINTMENTS.

Since the anniversary of the Society, eight of our missionaries have been reappointed, the period of their previous engagement having expired; and nine new appointments have been made—viz. to Illinois 2; to Iowa Territory or Northern Illinois 2; to Michigan 1; to Pennsylvania 1; and to Texas 3.

It is expected that one of the brethren appointed to Texas, will be ready to engage in the duties of his appointment within a few weeks.

The appointment of brother John Peck, general Agent of the Society, was renewed immediately after the anniversary.

Brother Roswell Kimball has been appointed general Agent for the State of Illinois, and entered upon the duties of his agency on the 4th of July.

We have the happiness to announce that brother George W. Eaton, Professor at Hamilton Literary and Theological Seminary, purposes to visit the State of Ohio during the approaching vacation, and has kindly accepted an agency for our Society during that period. We feel assured of the kind and liberal attention of all our Ohio brethren whom he may visit.

It is very gratifying to be able to state that Bro. William Parkinson, being about to visit several states at the South and West, has accepted our commission as Missionary Agent during the period of his tour.

THE INDIANA CASE.

Much has been written in various Baptist papers respecting a statement in our last Annual Report, concerning a Baptist minister in Indiana who was appointed one of our missionaries. Among other things it is said, (not in very tender terms) that the circumstances related of the man shows him to be unfit for appointment, and the judgment and prudence of the Executive Committee, are not very courteously impeached in the exercise of the appointing power.

It was our design to remain silent, at present, upon this subject, in the expectation that an ample explanation would be forth coming from the *better source*—but we feel called upon by an article in the Baptist Advocate of August 1st, to explain ourselves.

As the case already alluded to, is the only one given in illustration of the *indiscretion* of the Executive Committee, we shall confine ourselves to that case.

Many brethren who were present at the Anniversary in New-York, and heard the verbal statements of the Corresponding Secretary, declare they were almost verbatim as the case is stated in the Annual Report. Therefore, those who have read the articles alluded to in the papers, will perceive at once that while the originator of them, may have intended to give a faithful report of what *was* said, he must have misunderstood the Secretary, or forgot his remarks before committing them to paper; and has thus, made out quite another case; or reported something that was *not* said at the Anniversary.

As to the brother who was appointed our missionary, he was well recommended by brethren of respectable standing, some of whom, and the brother appointed, were known by some of the Committee; he was also recommended by the missionary who stated the case to us and forwarded the application—this missionary is well known to the Executive Committee and general Agent, as an intelligent, discerning and prudent man.

But in order to assist our brethren in forming an opinion in the case, we will give the extract of the missionary's letter, and the certificate of the man's character and circumstances. (Names cannot be given unless it shall be rendered necessary.)

"It was there I became acquainted with brother ——— who is here recommended to your attention. His situation is a peculiar one, and distressing as it now is, he has preached throughout that section of the country for a number of years, and assent to the statements in the certificate. He has quite a family to support, and by attending to the calls for preaching from different parts, has reduced himself to poverty. I was credibly informed by one brother, that he went with some ham and flour to his house one day, as an offering from a church he supplied, and he had not enough for a single meal. He told me very modestly his condition, and I could scarcely keep from weeping when he told me his children often cried for bread, and he had not wherewith to supply them. His whole soul is enlisted in preaching the gospel, but he is compelled to desist and provide for his family. He is some eighty or ninety dollars in debt, and it must be liquidated, and none but his own hands can or will do it. He says the fire is in his very bones, and he could not leave the preaching of the gospel did not *absolute* necessity compel him.

"The churches in that section are very feeble and unable to do much for a preacher, and but a few of those who are able have a heart. There are some however, who told me, did their circumstances permit, they would free brother _____ from his embarrassments.

"The certificate will, I have no doubt, assure you of his good standing and want. It is signed by the very best of men and pillars in the churches. I asked brother _____ how much he would need to release him from his embarrassments. He told me he thought about eighty dollars, and if once freed, he has children almost large enough to provide for the family while he could preach."

Certificate dated _____

"This Certifies, that Elder _____ pastor of _____ church, _____ County, Indiana, has been for a number of years an able minister of the New Testament, and useful to the church and world—but his temporal circumstances are such that he is compelled to leave the preached word; except he is relieved of his embarrassments from some source—as such we heartily recommend him to the charity of the American Baptist Home Mission Society."

Signed by seven brethren residing in three different towns.

It will be seen by the above that the brother appointed was *not* our missionary when suffering such pinching necessity. He is now acting under our appointment, on a salary that allows him the happiness of preaching the gospel to the poor. With how much good reason the Executive Committee appointed him, we leave others to judge.

Painful as has been the task of giving facts in a case of such great delicacy to more persons than one, the necessity for them under existing circumstances is obvious.

Having explained the whole case, may we not now be justified in suggesting to some of our benevolent friends that, this case would furnish a fine subject for an annual appropriation. One hundred dollars annually would afford our brother great relief, and entitle the donor to a Directorship for Life, for each hundred dollars.

WESTERN MEN'S OPINIONS.

We feel no great pleasure in sounding our own trumpet, nor even that of another whose notes are in our own praise, but there happens to be some reason just now, why Baptist churches should know what is said of us by *more than one* at the West. The following items will assist our brethren to some information on the subject.

The General Convention of Western Baptists held their sixth meeting in Louisville, Kentucky, commencing on the 3d June.

Various important subjects were discussed and acted upon with great zeal and harmony, the results of which cannot be otherwise than beneficial to the moral interests of the western states.

Among other subjects, that of Home Missions received particular attention. The action of the body upon that subject was as follows, viz :

Resolved, That Home Missions, while they are sustained by the same Christian principle with other departments of benevolent effort, are especially and eminently patriotic.

Resolved, That the grand object of Home Missions, the temporary assistance of those who are disposed to help themselves, evinces the duty of the East and the West to co-operate in this enterprise.

Resolved, That while it is the obvious duty of our brethren in the Valley to do all in their power to sustain the institutions of religion among them, it is equally obvious that for years to come they must look to their eastern brethren for continued assistance.

Resolved, That the success which has hitherto attended Home Mission efforts, should not only excite gratitude to God, but also encourage sanguine hopes of their future benefit to the general cause of Christianity in the West.

In these resolutions our readers will be able to arrive at a *correct* knowledge of Western views of our Home Mission operations: views expressed on western ground, by one of the most numerous convocations of Baptists, ever assembled in that region.

The editor of the "Cross and Journal" in an able article in that paper of July 17th, replying to some remarks which previously appeared in another western paper, presents a comparative exhibition of the efficiency of the American Baptist Home Mission Society, with all the similar bodies of our denomination at the West, of which we have no reason to feel ashamed. He concludes his remarks with the following forcible language. "We have now reached a critical point. We are about doubling the

Cape. If our Eastern brethren withdraw from us, the cause will assuredly retrograde. In the name of hundreds of churches in the West, we thank them kindly for what they have done, and ask a continuance of their kindness."

Elder R. T. Daniel, who, for many years, has resided at the West, travelled extensively in different states, and is as well qualified by observation and sound judgment as any other man to form a correct opinion of our Home Mission operations, expresses himself on what he deems his dying bed, thus :—the American Baptist Home Mission Society "have done more good in spreading the gospel with the same amount of funds in the North, (meaning north of the Ohio river) and part of the West, than any Domestic Missionary Society has done in our union of states, and bears a weight of character that no Association, Convention, or Missionary Society has or can bear."

APPLICATIONS FOR AID.

Churches applying for aid, should accompany their applications with statements of the name of the church; the Post office address of one of the Committee applying; the number of members, and average number of attendants on public worship; the total amount of salary necessary for the support of the minister they have in view; the portion of that salary which they will engage to raise for the given time; the least amount that will suffice from the Society for the same period; and any peculiar circumstances in their case to illustrate the necessity of their application.

These statements should be confirmed by the certificate of one or more ministers known by some of the Executive Committee: or, in case the church is located within the bounds of an Association, State Convention, or Society auxiliary to this, it should procure their recommendation.

If the application is in behalf of any particular minister, then state his name, age, Post office address, the credentials he bears, the number of his family, (if he have one) and accompany it with certificates or recommendations as above.

As the appropriations of the Society are made, in general, for twelve months; if a renewal is needed by either churches or ministers, a new application should be seasonably made, accompanied by information of the results of the previous years' aid.

BAPTIST STATE CONVENTIONS AND SOCIETIES.

The Secretaries of State Conventions and Societies, and Clerks of Associations, especially of our Auxiliaries, are respectfully requested to transmit to the Corresponding Secretary, copies of their Minutes, *as soon as possible*, after the anniversaries of their respective bodies.

MEMBERSHIP.

An Annual Member, by an Annual Contribution.

A Member for Life, by the payment of \$30 or more.

A Director for Life, by the payment of \$100 or more, or any sum, which, in addition to a previous payment, makes one hundred dollars.

FORM OF A BEQUEST TO THE SOCIETY.

I give unto the Treasurer, for the time being, of the American Baptist Home Mission Society, formed in the city of New-York, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-two, the sum of _____ dollars, for the purposes of said Society, and for which the receipt of such Treasurer shall be a sufficient discharge.

NEW LIFE DIRECTORS AND MEMBERS.

Joseph J. Cooke, Life Director, New-York.

Sally C. Biscoe, Life Member, Lancaster County, Virginia.

Mrs. James M. Stickney, Life Member, Stamford, Connecticut, by the Church and Congregation at that place.

Rev. J. G. Wightman, Life Member, Groton, Conn., by Stonington Union Association.

R. C. McCormick, do New-York, for services rendered.

Rev. S. Ripley, do Foxboro, Mass., by Old Colony Miss. Society.

TO CONTRIBUTORS TO THE AMERICAN BAPTIST HOME MISSION SOCIETY.

A few typographical errors occurred in the Treasurer's detailed account in the Annual Report, to which we invite attention. They are all in the last column, page 47, viz. The sum \$594 54, is the total amount of receipts in Virginia. The \$15 65, is the amount contributed by the Raleigh church; and the \$30, is the donation of Lydia Sherwood, Bridgeport, Conn. The last donation was to constitute Rev. Matthew Batchellor, of Stratfield, Conn., a member for Life.

TREASURERS' RECEIPTS.

Moneys received by the Treasurer since the Annual Report, up to August 1st.

Massachusetts.					
James Eldridge, Williamstown, per Rev. J. D. Rogers	\$30 00			Tithe of the profits of a Speculation, from a Stranger	3 31
Friend in Amherst, pr Rev. M. Tilden, pr Hon. H. Lincoln	1 00			Juliana Germond	3 00
Miss Betsy Prall, Carver, per Rev. Mr. Glover, by do	37			For Tonawanda Station	60 00
West Dedham Juvenile Society Mrs. Abigail Smith, Sec. for educating children in the valley of the Mississippi, by do	4 70			Mrs. Elizabeth Milbanks	5 00
Old Colony Bapt. Miss. Soc. Levi Pearce, Tr. to constitute Rev. S. Ripley, of Foxborough, a L. member, by do	30 00	\$66 07			
Rhode Island.				New-Jersey.	
Western Association of Ladies 1st Bap. ch. in Providence, per Rev. W. Dean	64 00			Male Mission Soc. of 1st Bapt. ch. Newark, pr Rev. W. Sym	60 00
Collections pr Rev. John Peck: 1st Church, Providence, V. I. Bates, Treasurer	58 00			Collections by Rev. J. Peck: Trenton and Lambertton Ch. per Rev. M. J. Rhees	30 30
Western Miss. Society, pr Rev. J. C. Welsh	43 00			Amwell Church, per Rev. R. F. Ketchum	5 40
Young Lady in Pawtucket	70			Middletown Church, per Rev. D. B. Stout, life member	46 84
2d Church, Providence	31 84	197 54		Church at Paterson, collection Conference in Paterson	8 00
Connecticut.				Female friend of justice to the Indians, Samptown	2 00
Collections per Rev. J. Peck: Stamford Church collection	38 46			Samptown Church	7 00
Stonington Point church	10 00			Plainfield Church	28 41
A Friend in Trust	190 00			Do per Rev. S. J. Drake	12 00
State Convent'n, J. B. Gilbert, Tr.	160 00			Scotch Plains Church	14 25
Rev. B. Cook, Hartford	5 00			Paterson Church	1 12
1st Ch. Hartford, Collection	31 00			Sussex Association	53 31
South Church, Hartford	28 00			Wantage Church	12 25
Part of subscription by two churches, Hartford	31 00				
Stonington Union Asso. col.	31 42			Pennsylvania.	
Lucy Meech, Preston	25			A Friend in Philadelphia	3 00
Rev. Alfred Gates, Waterford	3 00			Young Ladies' Bap. Home Miss. Soc. Phila. per Rev. Geo. Ide	60 00
New-London Church col.	37 20			Juvenile Mission Society, 11th Bap. church, Philadelphia	25 00
New-York.				Collections by Rev. J. Peck: Church and Congregation in Lower Dublin	21 00
1st Bap. Ch. Brooklyn, I. W. Raymond, Tr. per Rev. John Peck, general agent	164 20			Tenth Church, Philadelphia, Rev. J. H. Kennard	15 00
Staten Island Bap. Ch. to cons. Rev. T. Winmill a L. Mem.	30 00			First Church, Phila. per Dea. Wm. Duncan	60 00
J. J. Cooke, to constitute himself a Life Director	100 00				
Westchester Bapt. Church, pr Rev. E. L. Covell	5 25			Delaware.	
Collection at Annual Meeting in Baptist Tabernacle, Mulberry-street	122 10			Collections by Rev. J. P. Thompson, viz:	
Williamsburgh Bapt. Church, per E. Withington	2 20			Ephraim Boesting	1 00
Amity-st. Bapt. Church, per G. C. Germond	91 99			Benjamin Boesting	1 00
Fem. Mite Soc. Poughkeepsie, per D. H. Holbrook. Sec.	15 00			Nathaniel Armstrong	1 00
Tabernacle Baptist Church, pr Joshua Gilbert, Treasurer	50 21			Collection at School House, Christiana	4 50
Stanton-street Female Education and Home Miss. Society, Clarinda Phelps, Treasurer	20 00			Do. at Meeting House, Leipsic	6 50
Williamsburgh church, per E. Withington	1 24			John Sutton, Jr.	5 00
Collections by Rev. J. Peck: Oliver-st. Female Home Miss. Society, viz:				Coll'n at School H. Brandywine	5 00
Mrs. Sarah P. Munn	50 00			William Henry Casin	5 00
Man and Wife in Oliver-street Church, to support a Missionary in the Western Valley	60 00			Collection at St. George's	5 00
Female Friend	5 00			Do at Ebenezer	5 50
Do do	5 00			Do at Leipsic	7 50
				Mrs. Alice Jones	1 50
				Mrs. Thomas Jones	2 00
				Virginia.	
				Subscription to Rev. O. Briggs: Sally C. Bircoe, Lancaster co. balance to cons. her a L. M. pd to A. Hall, pr I. M. Allen	15 00
				North Carolina.	
				Collections pr Rev. O. Briggs	1085 61
				Do. in Bap Ch. St. Helena Isl. Beaufort, per D. Bythewood	100 00
				South Carolina.	
				Mrs. E. Williams, Society Hill, per J. C. Furman	80 00
				Bap. State Conventn. A. J. Lawton, Tr. pr Hon. H. Lincoln	7 88
				Georgia.	
				State Conven, pr A. Jones, Tr.	100 50
				Collections by Rev. J. Hucksins	250 50

QUARTERLY PAPER

OF THE

AMERICAN BAPTIST HOME MISSION SOCIETY.

“ Our Gospel came not unto you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Ghost, and in much assurance—so that ye were ensamples to all that believe. For from you sounded out the word of the Lord, not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place your faith to God-ward is spread abroad.”—Paul.

No. VI. Mission Rooms, No. 9 Spruce-street, New-York. November, 1840.

STATE CONVENTIONS.

Within a few weeks past several State Conventions have held their anniversary meetings. So far as we have learned from notices in different religious papers, they were unusually interesting, and characterized by great harmony and zeal in the cause of the Lord of Hosts. Many, if not all of them, have kindly remembered the Home Mission Society in their *resolutions*, and liberally aided it in their *acts*.

It is truly encouraging to ascertain that, notwithstanding the increased pecuniary embarrassments of the year, our brethren have remembered the wants of the feeble churches and destitute places in the land, and contributed for their relief in many instances more than our fears had led us to anticipate. We shall be justified in alluding to our fears by all such as are aware of the variety of causes in operation to diminish the amount of contributions for benevolent purposes, especially as one effect is to render our receipts very inconsiderable, as may be seen by a reference to the Treasurer's last two quarterly reports.

We feel assured that the Society has fast hold of the sympathies of the denomination, and that under more favorable circumstances the churches would promptly place within our reach the means of greatly extending our operations. But it is proper to state that the demands for an immediate extension of them in very important places were never more pressing, and unless the means are liberally and constantly furnished by our friends, many of those demands must remain unsatisfied, much to the disadvantage of the cause of Christ and morality.

It was the happiness of the Corresponding Secretary to attend the anniversaries of the Vermont and New-York Conventions. By an arrangement with the Board of Managers of the former, the missionaries in Lower Canada, heretofore appointed by them, are transferred to us; but (considering that province as part of their own field) subject to their nomination, as in all similar cases with auxiliaries, and to be sustained by their benefactions. The Convention, also, unanimously invited the Executive Committee to authorize our General Agent, Elder John Peck, to visit, during the ensuing summer, the churches in Vermont, and make collections for Home Mission purposes.

The Board of Managers of the New-York State Convention appropriated \$1500 for our use—a smaller amount than that of last year, yet a liberal sum considering the great extent of their own operations, and the diminished receipts into their treasury.

Our Society was represented in the Pennsylvania Convention by Brother R. Babcock; Jun., of Poughkeepsie. Among other tokens of confidence and kind feeling towards us on the part of that Convention, was an unanimous vote, rendering their auxiliaryship a constitutional provision. We think very favorably of this plan, as being calculated to bring together more closely the churches of our denomination. We desire to see the example followed by every Convention in the land. We embrace this opportunity to express our earnest desire that the Secretaries of State Conventions, General Associations, or Home Mission Societies, especially auxiliaries to the American Baptist Home Mission Society, who have not already forwarded the minutes of their anniversaries, will do so as soon as practicable.

EXTRACTS

From the Journal of a Missionary of the American Baptist Home Mission Society, now laboring in Indiana, dated Oct. 1, 1840.

I came to this country in the year 1823, and was ordained in 1828. I settled at first in Owen county, and preached to three churches, dividing my time regularly between them. During this period several additions were made to the churches.

In 1830 I removed to Morgan county, and again had the care of three churches, without any special success attending my labors.

In 1834 I changed my residence to Hendrick county, where I still remain. Here, also, I have three churches stately under my care, and I occasionally extend my labors to some others. These churches have enjoyed a gradual increase.

I was always a poor man, and for the last seven years my family has suffered a great deal by sickness, which, together with so much travelling, reduced me to very low circumstances. The churches contributed very little for me, and in the spring of 1839 I became so embarrassed, that I was on the point of abandoning all my stated appointments in the ministry, and turning my attention to farming, so that I could pay my debts, and provide for my family; but my deep impression of duty to remain in the ministry and preach the gospel rendered me miserable only in the thought of retiring from it. It was at this period I met with brother P., who informed me of the existence of your society, and encouraged me to expect aid from it. Just then also a revival of religion commenced in one of the churches with which I was laboring, and rising above my cheerless prospects, I continued to ride and preach, hoping that God would provide for the wants of my family.

Since the 5th of June, 1839, I have been almost constantly in a revival of religion. From June to December I attended five protracted meetings—the most interesting I ever witnessed.

On the first Lord's day in October, 1839, I visited Deer Creek church, Putnam Co. for the purpose of preaching a funeral sermon, but when I reached the place I was denied the use of the meeting-house on account of my connexion with an association of a missionary character. In consequence of this I went to a private house three miles distant, and continued in the vicinity nine days, preaching from house to house. On the second day a revival of religion commenced. On the ninth day twelve persons related their christian experience, nine of whom were baptized. A church was organized at the place on the 18th Nov. 1839, to which additions have been made nearly every month since; so that now it numbers fifty-five members; eleven of whom were till then anti-mission in their principles.

On the 1st of March last I attended a protracted meeting in Madison Co., when I baptized fifteen persons, and assisted in organizing a church of twenty-four members. Some of the circumstances under which the revival commenced at this place were quite interesting. A little girl twelve years of age being awakened, requested her sisters, one older, the other younger than herself, to engage with her in prayer. In this exercise they did engage, particularly during the intermissions of the school, when, instead of going with their youthful companions in play, they retired to a neighboring thicket for prayer. They all experienced religion by themselves; and from that time the revival commenced, which resulted as I have already written.

From June 5th, 1839, to the same date of this year, I travelled, in the discharge of my duties, 2500 miles; preached 200 sermons; baptized 106 persons, and assisted to organize two churches.

From June 5th, 1840, to this time, (Oct. 1, 1840,) I have travelled 300 miles; preached 80 sermons, and baptized 16 persons, besides performing other ministerial labor, as circumstances demanded.

Reader, the writer of the above account of missionary labor is the man mentioned in our last annual report, who, when visited by a brother with a small present of provision, was found without enough in his house for a single meal; and who modestly confessed that his children often cried for bread, and he had none to give them. He is now better provided for; being aided by our funds, he gives himself to the work of the ministry, laboring successfully for the salvation of souls, without the painful anxiety he formerly suffered on account of his needy family. Is he not deserving of our aid?

Marietta, Ohio, Oct. 14, 1840.

DEAR BROTHER—I wish through you to return my unfeigned thanks to the "Youth's Domestic Mission Society of Brooklyn, N. Y." for the esteem and kind regards they have shown me in appropriating their funds for my support in former times; and now again, by constituting me by their contributions a life member of the American Baptist Home Mission Society. Such repeated acts of kindness the more affect me as they are bestowed upon one who, to most of them, is personally an entire stranger; and I am thus led to the pleasing apprehension that they were designed as tokens of respect to me simply as a servant of the Lord Jesus Christ, and thus regard them as evidences of their attachment to his most blessed cause. Go on, noble youths, go on and abound in the good work which you have espoused, "knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord." Already has our God greatly blessed the Home Mission enterprise, and he will bless it yet more and more.

Much good has been already accomplished in Ohio by means of the American Baptist Home Mission Society. When I entered this state, eight years ago, as a missionary of that Society, there were but *two* towns in the whole state favored with constant Baptist preaching. The churches were exceedingly scattered and feeble; many of them indifferent, and many opposed to benevolent efforts; organizations for benevolent action were recent, and of course somewhat crude and inefficient, and attended with many embarrassments. Individuals, enlightened, noble-hearted and generous, however, were found in various parts, who came up to the work with a spirit worthy of the cause; and it lived and flourished, and a great and glorious change has taken place in the Baptist denomination in Ohio.

Now, about *thirty* county seats, besides many other important villages, are supplied with an able and efficient Baptist ministry. In a large number of these are good meeting-houses and flourishing churches. Churches have multiplied throughout the state so that even whole associations exist where there was not a church when I first came to the state. The denomination has more than doubled its numbers within that time, and the power and efficiency of the ministry is tenfold greater.

The State Convention, and other organizations for Domestic Missions, have more activity and means at command, and the Granville Literary and Theological Institution is in a flourishing condition, and doing much for the denomination. In producing this great and happy change, the American Baptist Home Mission Society has had a very important agency. Its help was afforded at a very critical and seasonable period,—just when the denomination was struggling to rise, and was in great need of both men and money; and still there is a great demand for both, as many important places are unoccupied, and many churches very feeble. I think I may safely say that the operations of that Society have advanced the Baptist cause in the state of Ohio at least ten years. An agency so important to the growth of the churches in the west ought by no means to be crippled for want of funds, or embarrassed by any lack of interest or confidence in the public mind.

May the God of heaven prosper your Society abundantly, and all others of a similar nature, is the prayer of

Your humble servant,

And brother in Christ,

To Rev. B. M. Hill, Cor. Sec.

HIRAM GEAR.

Des Moines County, I. T., Oct. 8, 1840.

DEAR BROTHER—Your very acceptable letter of July 24th has duly arrived. Having recently written you, I will only add at this time that I statedly supply three congregations, besides many occasional appointments, which require much travelling.

We are at present enjoying a pleasant state of religious feeling in the Long Creek Church, which is the oldest and largest of our denomination in the Territory. Ten or twelve hopeful conversions have recently occurred—the fruits of a protracted meeting, and caused us much encouragement.

The second anniversary of our Association was held in this place. It was a pleasant and harmonious occasion; the attendance was numerous and respectable. The Association resolved to become auxiliary to the Foreign and Home Mission societies and contribute annually to their funds.

Almost all the good that has been done in our denomination in Iowa Territory, has been through the Home Mission Society. The ignorant have been instructed, the erring reclaimed, and the prejudices of opposers overcome, so that our churches are prospering, and many begin heartily to embrace the cause of benevolence. Thus a foundation deep and broad is laid for future operations. Yours in Christian affection,

To Rev. B. M. Hill, Cor. Sec.

A. EVANS.

A GOOD EXAMPLE.

The following interesting communication was received during the past quarter. Coming as it did, spontaneously from the indicated source, it speaks well for the kind sympathies of the youthful donors, and the respected teacher who has assisted to imbue their minds with such a benevolent spirit. What an amiable example is here presented to the youth of our congregations, especially in our Sunday schools, who, having means, though of but small amount, at command, might employ them for the promotion of some good object, and thus not only divert the expenditure of them from worse than useless indulgence, and the formation of extravagant if not prodigal habits, but on the other hand cherish an ennobling spirit of co-operation with the moral and religious of riper years, calculated to fit them for more extensive usefulness as they progress forward on the stage of human action. As these children in future years, having then become men, witness the rising greatness and spreading influence of our new sister republic, chastened and moulded, as we hope it will be, by the hand of religion, how can it be otherwise than that a glow of satisfaction will pervade their hearts, as the recollection of their youthful offering rises upon their minds. Small as is the amount, though larger far than multitudes far abler give, will they not be justified in the reflection, that their infant hands were employed in laying a stone in the moral foundations of an infant nation? And who would not prefer such a reflection to those that dwell only on acts of youthful waste and folly?

Albany, Oct. 25, 1840.

To the Treasurer of the American Baptist Home Mission Society.

SIR—We, the undersigned, members of Mr. Wilder's class in the Sunday school of the Pearl-street Baptist Church, request the acceptance of the enclosed amount, \$8, in aid of the Texan Mission.*

THEODORE FRIEND HUMPHREY,
JAMES H. HUMPHREY,
CYRUS GARNSEY,
CHARLES L. NOBLE.

MEXICO, TEXAS, AND THE UNITED STATES.

The christian, in turning his eye towards Mexico, beholds a scenery, both natural and moral, which cannot fail to swell his bosom with the keenest emotions. A vast territory is spread out before him, nearly two thousand miles in length, and more than one thousand in breadth, one half of which is located under the burning sun of the torrid zone, and the other in the temperate; and yet three-fifths of the former portion enjoys a mild, instead of a sultry climate; its shores being washed by the waters of two oceans, and its whole territory fanned by their breezes. The soil vies in richness with that of our own Mississippi valley, and is adapted to the production of any species of vegetation. Its mountains are filled with the most precious ores, and its vales are loaded with vegetable life in the greatest luxuriance. Nothing can exceed the grandeur of its scenery. There are its broad table-lands, rising from five to eight thousand feet above the level of the sea. There are its stupendous mountains, whose cloud-capped summits make their home in regions of perpetual snow, and on whose sides are found every variety of climate on the globe.

There too are its green prairies, studded with flowers of every hue, furnishing sustenance and happiness to almost every variety of animal life. There too are the remains of some of the greatest works of man—the ruins of temples, pyramids, and cities, which tell of a nation whose name and history are buried in oblivion.

This land too, is the abode of more than ten millions of human beings, each one of whom possesses an immortal soul; a soul destined to vie with seraphs in their upward flight, or to sink with demons into the abyss of woe.

Here the feelings of the christian, glowing in admiration of what nature has done for Mexico, are suddenly changed to the deepest melancholy and gloom. The whole known history of the country is one of ignorance and oppression, of war and carnage. They have been, and still are without God and without hope in the world. The Roman priesthood, by force of arms, have changed the forms of their religion; but they

* This donation was made in consequence of a sermon preached in the Pearl-street Church, on the moral condition and prospects of Texas, by Rev. Mr. Huckins.

still retain the spirit of heathenism. Avarice and debauchery have dried up the zeal of the priests and destroyed the confidence of the people. A military despotism, supported by the wealth of the priests, still holds the people in subjection. Here then are ten millions ground into the very dust by the most cruel oppression; without protection, without knowledge, and without religion. We speak of the majority. What then can be done for this ignorant and oppressed nation, has been a question of deep and painful interest to many a christian. Thither the eye of many a missionary has turned, and wept until it had almost shed tears of blood; and yet has been forced to turn away, without a single ray of light or hope.

But it seems to us that a brighter day is about to dawn upon that ill-fated people. There are causes in operation, which, at no very distant day, will bring the principles of civil liberty, and of the gospel of Jesus Christ, to bear upon the minds and hearts of that mass of human beings. These causes are two.

1. The establishment of the Republic of Texas within the ancient domain of Mexico.
2. The immigration of Americans and Englishmen into Mexico, and the intercourse which is destined to be kept up between the Mexicans and the Anglo-Saxon race.

First, the establishment of the Republic of Texas within the ancient domain of Mexico.

Texas comprises a region of country bordering on the Gulf of Mexico, varying in length from six hundred to fifteen hundred miles, and in breadth from five to seven hundred. It already has a population of more than two hundred thousand souls, the most of whom are from the United States. Thither have they carried that love of civil and religious freedom, and that spirit of enterprise, which so signally characterizes their mother country. It is destined to be the home of millions from the same original stock. The four principal christian denominations of the United States, viz. the Baptists, Methodists, Presbyterians, and Episcopalians are looking with pious interest to this country, as the theatre of their holy enterprise. They have already commenced their operations, being resolved not to desist until Texas is supplied with an efficient and pious ministry. The success of their labors is certain. Texas, from the very nature of the mind there concentrating, must soon present a field for a vigorous, bold and persevering christianity; there Religion will strike deep her roots. Now let it be remembered that Texas borders upon Mexico a distance of 1500 miles. Some of the most intelligent and influential Mexicans reside within her borders. A constant intercourse between Mexico and Texas is thus kept up, and must increase. The most friendly feelings exist between the Texans and the inhabitants of the adjoining states of Mexico. What must be the effect upon the Mexicans, of seeing a people where social order, civil liberty, and a religion without oppression are maintained; where education is generally diffused, and where the religious teacher is a friend and a brother? Will not these things remind them of their own sad condition, and will it not kindle to a flame those aspirations after liberty which have been smothered by a despotic government, and a religion pregnant with oppression?

Second, the immigration of Americans and Englishmen into Mexico, and the intercourse which is destined to be maintained between the Anglo-Saxons and the Mexicans, is another cause which is operating powerfully, and which will continue to operate in bringing about the result of which we are speaking. Every year considerable numbers of merchants and artists are entering Mexico; and such is the spirit of emigration in the American people, that among the thousands who remove to Texas yearly, many, becoming dissatisfied, soon push their way into the friendly portions of Mexico. Within the last year, large numbers, and among them some of the most intelligent and respectable young men from the southern states, have gone there, and espoused the cause of the Federal army. Besides, there are many liberal and intelligent Mexicans who send their sons to the United States to be educated. These almost invariably, at the completion of their course of studies, having imbibed the principles of our institutions, return fired with the love of liberty. The celebrated Canales received his education in one of our western states.

The effect of this immigration and of this intercourse is very apparent. This, in conjunction with the influence of the Texan Republic, has already kindled in Mexico the fires of freedom. It has awakened a spirit which will never rest, until the arm of despotism is broken; until religion and government are separated, and until full toleration is granted to every form of religion. The province of Yucatan has already, amidst acclamations and illuminations, received a Texan steamship, and declared for Liberty and the Federalists. The Federal army is rapidly gaining in efficiency and numbers. Despotism and Romanism are even now trembling. Are not these good omens for the cause of the King of kings, and the Lord of lords? Are they not the

harbingers of that day, when the missionary of the cross shall enter that land which he can now view only afar off; when he shall preach Jesus to that people over whose case he has hitherto been permitted only to mourn?

Here, then, is a broad rich field, almost equal in population to the United States, about to be opened for the cultivation of American christians, and presenting peculiar claims for their attention and efforts. In the very outset of the new political career before them, the people should receive such christian sympathies as will insure the right character and direction to its subsequent course.

Let our churches ponder this matter seriously now; and as the language of scripture may be applicable to them in this case, let it be "when thou hearest the sound of a going in the tops of the mulberry trees, that then thou shalt bestir thyself." H.

APPOINTMENTS.

During the last three months eleven new appointments of missionaries and agents were made by the Executive Committee, viz.; to Maryland 1; to Kentucky 1; to Missouri 1; to Illinois 1; to Indiana 1; to Ohio 3; to Michigan 1, and to Texas 2.

Of the three appointed to Ohio, one was a missionary agent, who was to spend a portion of his time previously in Maryland.

Of those appointed to Texas, one has already started for his field by land, intending to spend a short time as an agent in one or two of the southern states.

Bro. James Huckins expects to sail for Texas with his family in all November, with the intention of residing permanently in that country, where he will act as our missionary agent. There are three other brethren under appointment for that republic, who propose to join him there early in the ensuing winter.

Three missionaries and one agent, whose previous engagements had expired, have been reappointed within the last quarter, viz.: to Maryland 1; to Indiana 1; to Ohio 1. The agent is brother O. Briggs, who is laboring chiefly in North Carolina.

APPLICATIONS FOR AID.

Notwithstanding the following requisitions have been repeatedly published in our Annual Reports and Quarterly Papers, the Corresponding Secretary often receives applications for aid from churches and ministers, unaccompanied with the particular statements, certificates, or recommendations required. The Executive Committee find it necessary to adhere to their rules in all cases; and as informal applications occasion a considerable increase of postage and loss of time, it is very desirable to the committee, and essential to the success of the application, that the requisitions hereafter be complied with.

Requisitions.

Churches applying for aid should accompany their applications with statements of the name of the church; the post-office address of one of the committee applying; the number of members, and average number of attendants on public worship; the total amount of salary necessary for the support of the minister they have in view; the portion of that salary which they will engage to raise for the given time; the least amount that will suffice from the Society for the same period; and any peculiar circumstances in their case to illustrate the necessity of their application.

These statements should be confirmed by the certificate of one or more ministers known by some of the Executive Committee; or, in case the church is located within the bounds of an Association, State Convention, or Society auxiliary to this, it should procure their recommendation.

If the application is in behalf of any particular minister, then state his name, age, post-office address, the credentials he bears, the number of his family, (if he have one,) and accompany it with certificates or recommendations as above.

The same, and a statement concerning salary, as in the other case, is expected from ministers who apply in their own name.

As the appropriations of the Society are made, in general, for twelve months, if a renewal is needed by either churches or ministers, a new application should be seasonably made, accompanied by information of the results of the previous year's aid.

Directors or Members for Life whose names have been omitted or whose post-office address has been given erroneously in previous Annual Reports, are requested to send corrections by some of the delegates from their respective states at the anniversary in Baltimore next April.

TREASURER'S RECEIPTS.

Moneys received by the Treasurer from August 1st to November 1st, 1840.

<i>Maine.</i>	
Collections per Rev. O. Briggs, agent:	
Contribution, Hampden	1 00
Do. at quarterly meeting,	
Plymouth	5 97
Calvin Copeland, Dexter	3 00
Samuel Todd, Ripley	50
Ann Remmick, St. Albans	50
Louisa M. Wadman, Cornville	50
Joseph B. Webb, Bloomfield	1 00
William Weston, do	3 00
John C. Clark, New-Sharon	50
Joseph Buller, do	1 00
James Robinson, Mount Vernon	1 00
Daniel King, do	2 00
Dudley Lyford, do	1 00
Retsey Lyford, do	50
Nicholas Dudley Robinson, do	1 00
Hannah Robinson, do	1 00
Joseph Fogg, Readfield	1 00
Joshua Lane, do	5 00
Wm. & Hannah Thomas, do	3 00
J. Horn, Crossroads, Hallowell	1 00
Isaac Wardsworth	2 00
Orin Brainard and wife	75
Dr. Luke Perkins, Readfield	50
John Goldthwait, Augusta	1 00
John Hunting, Corinth, in part to make his wife Dorcas a Life M.	10 00
Nathan Fisk, Lovant	50
Joshua Herrick, Corinth	25
Aaron Gould, do	1 00
Dr. Jared Fuller, do	75
Henry K. Dexter, do	1 00
Parker Wilson, do	50
Ruth Wilson, do	80
John Hopkins, Bucksport	2 00
Samuel P. Hall, do	25
Dr S. B. Merrell, Cherryfield	1 00
Widow Martha M. Ray, do	25
Robert Nichols and Mother	1 00
John Campbell	25
James Sargent, Baring	2 00
Lydia W. Sargent, do	1 00
Ebenezer Pratt, Jr. do	1 00
Mary Pratt, do	50
J. J. Russell, N. Brunswick	1 00
G. D. King, St. Stephens	1 00
Eleazer Moor, Calais	1 00
Samuel H. Green, do	2 00
Noah Smith, do	5 00
James Grant, do	2 00
Edward Taylor, do	1 00
Josiah S. Richards, do	1 00
John Stearns, do	1 00
John Williams, do	1 00
Frederick Morong, do	1 00
H. T. Tweed, do	5 00
William Owen, do	50
J. H. McAllister, do	5 00
Jeremiah Curtis	6 00
To make Rev. John B. Hague, of Eastport, a life member:	
Samuel Wheeler, Eastport	1 00
Isaac Hobert, do	5 00
Abel Stevens, do	1 00
Samuel Stevens, do	10 00
James Lincoln, do	1 00
Josiah Coffin, do	25
Daniel Hayden, do	2 00
Aaron Hayden, do	5 00
Loring Wheeler, do	5 00
	30 25
Moses Gardner, Pembroke	1 00
Theophilus Wilder, do	1 00
Bela Wilder, do	1 00
Mary Wilder, do	1 00
Rev. Wm. S. Slason	2 00
William Brown, Esq.	1 00

Rev. Charles Emerson	25
Rev. W. H. Beckwith, N. Brunsw'k	1 00
Individuals at Addison church	23 75
Rev. Benj Beech, Harrington	9 00
Capt. Fred. S. Means, Ellsworth	1 00
Charles Delaitre, do	1 00
Rosalie Delaitre, do	50
Caroline W. Check, do	50
Widow Abigail Hopkins, do	1 00
John D. Hopkins, do	1 00
George B. Hopkins, do	1 00
Rev. Allen Barrows, do	50
Elisha Austin, do	1 00
Mary Austin, do	12
Mathew Means, do	1 00
Sylvanus Lord, Ellsworth	1 00
Sally Lord, do	25
Curtis Clark, do	1 10
George Stevens, Bluehill	1 00
Jerry Faulkner, do	3 00
James McCullus, Belfast	2 00
John H. Counce, Warren	1 00
Duncan McCollom, do	1 00
Rev. John Wakefield, do	1 00
William H. Webb, do	2 00
Thomas Barton, do	3 00
Peter Fuller, Esq. do	2 00
Stephen Burgess, do	1 00
Joshua Benner, Nobleborough	50
Stephen Hall	1 00
James Benner	50
John Campbell, 2d ch. Nobleboro'	2 00
Henry Campbell, do	50
Joseph Day, do	1 00
Benjamin Metcalf, do	2 00
Simon Handley	5 00
John B. Stinson	1 00
Samuel Perkins, Topsham	1 00
Jabez Perkins, do	5 00

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New-Hampshire.

Oliver White	1 00
Bap. Ch., Great Falls, Monthly Contribution, pr Rev. S. Haley	13 53

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Vermont.

Dummerston Fem. Benev. Soc. per Rev. M. Frarey	6 25
Brattleborough Typographical Assoc'n for Comprehensive Commentary, sold \$1 pr copy	400 00

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New-York.

Oliver-street Fem. H. M. Soc. per Mrs. Cauldwell, Treas.	100 00
N. Y. State Con pr Rev. J. Peck	500 00
Mr Dearborn, Owego, per do	62
Abraham Numan, Troy, per B. M. Hill	10 00
Union Bap Association, pr Dea. Samuel McCord, Treasurer	78 28
Hudson Bapt. Sunday School Miss. So. pr W. B. Skinner, Tr.	24 00
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Remarks.—This article is specific in its object. It contemplates an auxiliary which, for any reason, prefers to avail itself of the aid of the Society's Executive Committee in promoting missionary interests. A variety of considerations may lead an auxiliary to such a preference. The Executive Committee having frequently before them numerous applications from ministers for appointment, might often better supply an auxiliary, than the auxiliary could itself. Or the auxiliary may not possess sufficient funds to meet the necessities of their own state or district, and, therefore, place the whole in the treasury of the Society, in order that an addition may be made to it: for the provision is, that it shall be entitled to an appropriation "at least equal to that of its contributions." Or the auxiliary might regard it as of paramount importance for the Society to supply the destitution of the new settlements in the West, in Canada or Texas. This is the case with some auxiliaries in churches, and might be with others of a more general nature.

"ARTICLE 9. The officers of auxiliary societies shall be *ex-officio* directors of this Society, and their members shall be members of this Society."

Comment upon this article is unnecessary.

FINANCIAL OPERATIONS.

1. The Constitution of the Society contains three restrictions on the Executive Committee in the disposal of funds. First in the 5th article, requiring "that all money contributed for any specific purpose shall be faithfully applied only to that particular object." Second, in the 8th article, which has already been mentioned; and third, what is implied in the 2d article, to expend the funds "to promote the preaching of the gospel in North America." With these restrictions the whole amount of the Society's funds are subject to the disposal of the Executive Committee, who, having the whole field before them, will always endeavor to distribute them as the necessities of the different portions of that field demand.

2. Their rule of action is, to give no prospective pledges of general appropriations, but "as far as the means of the Society will allow, all requests from auxiliaries shall be granted (having respect to a fair division of funds among the states, and providing for the contingencies in the 5th and 8th articles of the Constitution) for the aid of ministers, churches, or destitute places."

3. In determining what is a *fair* division of funds, the ability of the auxiliary to supply its own destitution, and the advance of the missionary spirit among them, are taken into consideration.

4. For the collection of funds the Society is dependent upon the voluntary contributions of individuals, churches, and other bodies, either auxiliary or otherwise; but its chief dependence is found to rest upon its own Collecting Agents, who, in general, are efficient, not only in obtaining subscriptions, but also in exciting activity in the auxiliaries, and greatly aiding their agents when they employ them.

5. "As a general rule," all agents appointed and paid by the Society, are required to deposit the funds collected in our treasury, or that of the State Convention where the collections are made, at the direction of the Committee on Agencies and Finance. But in all the latter cases, the amount so deposited is subject to the order of the Executive Committee for the support of the Society's missionaries in those states, to the amount appropriated for that purpose, and the surplus, if any, for general purposes."

6. In this arrangement two objects are contemplated. First, to avoid the risk and exchanges frequently arising on the transmission of funds from distant states. And, secondly, to render the payment of salaries convenient to the missionaries.

7. There are two classes of auxiliaries, viz.: those which sustain domestic missions within their own borders, and aid the Society in addition by their surplus funds and extra contributions; and those which, in conducting such missions, are aided by the Society.

8. In general, the funds of auxiliaries of the first class are collected and paid into their treasury by their own agents, or primary societies, and the surplus transmitted to ours by their treasurer. But frequently our agents are encouraged to make extra collections within their boundaries; in which case the amount collected is paid directly into our treasury.

9. All extra contributions, obtained in any way within the borders of such auxiliaries will be, if desired by the auxiliary, passed to the credit of the donor, *through the auxiliary*. This plan is adopted by one of the principal auxiliaries, and is the one which it is desirable should be universally adopted, as, in that case, all those bodies would receive credit in the reports of the Society's treasurer for the entire amount collected within their boundaries.

10. Extra efforts to obtain funds for general purposes are seldom made within the borders of auxiliaries of the second class; but when made, the same course can be taken in giving credit for funds obtained.

11. In certain cases, if an auxiliary, having missionaries of their own to sustain, desires the aid of an agent of the Society in collecting funds in their state, an arrangement can be made so as that from the funds collected, the whole or a part of the amount necessary for the purposes of that auxiliary shall be deposited in its treasury, and subject to its order; and the balance of collections transmitted to the general treasury; or, if the Society also have missionaries there, deposited in the treasury of the auxiliary for the payment of those missionaries' salaries.

12. It is expected that all auxiliaries will direct their treasurers to receive deposits of funds from any source to the credit of the Society, and provide for their safe-keeping and prompt payment, to the order of the Executive Committee of the Society.

MISSIONARY APPOINTMENTS.

1. The Executive Committee appoints missionaries, and collects funds in states where there are auxiliaries of the Society, and those also where there are none. In the latter cases the Committee necessarily exercises its discretion in the selection of missionaries and places to aid, and the labor to be performed.

2. Where there are auxiliaries, it is expected they will, as far as they are able, prosecute the necessary domestic mission operations within the territory they occupy. If, however, they are unable to extend those operations as far as their necessities demand, the Society holds itself in readiness to aid them according to its ability,—having reference to the necessities of other auxiliaries, or portions of the country. In such cases it is expected that their Board of Managers will nominate all persons residing within their boundaries for missionary appointment, stating or causing to be stated all the information required under the head of "applications for aid," following; and (unless special arrangements are made by the Executive Committee) select the fields of such as may be sent among them by the Committee, from other places; that they will direct and superintend the labors of all the Society's missionaries, so far as not to contravene the instructions of the Executive Committee; and advise the Committee, annually, respecting the re-appointment of all missionaries sustained by the Society in their territory, previous to the expiration of their appointment. They will also (*as is expected of every auxiliary*) give prompt notice of all ministers who would be useful as missionaries or agents, and are desirous of being employed as such, and all destitute places within their borders requiring attention; furnish an annual report of all their proceedings, the amount and expense of missionary labor performed under their exclusive direction, the names of their missionaries, fields of labor, and all such information as they possess to facilitate the designs of the Society.

APPLICATIONS FOR AID.

1. It is expected of every church, or destitute settlement, desiring aid of the Society, that they will make application directly to the Corresponding Secretary, accompanying the same with statements of the name of the church or settlement; the town, county, and state in which it is situated; the post-office address of one of the committee applying; the number of inhabitants in the town or settlement; the probable number attached to the Baptist denomination; the number of communicants in the church (if there be one) or settlement; and average number of attendants on public worship; the name (in full) of the minister they have in view; his post-office address; age; the number of his family (if he have one;) the credentials he bears; the total amount of salary necessary for his support; the portion of that salary which they will engage for the given time; the least amount that will suffice from the Society for the same period; and any peculiar circumstances in their case to illustrate the necessity of their application.

2. These statements should be accompanied by the recommendation of one or more ministers, or prominent persons, known by some of the Executive Committee; or, in case the church or settlement is located within the bounds of a State Convention, Association, or Society auxiliary to this, it should procure the recommendation of its board of managers.

3. The same information respecting individuals, salary, &c., and the same recommendations as above are expected from ministers who apply for appointment in their own name; and the same information, in all respects, is expected of all auxiliaries, when they nominate persons for appointment.

4. As the appropriations of the Society are made, in general, for twelve months, if a renewal is desired, by either churches, settlements, or ministers a new application should be seasonably made, accompanied with information of the results of the previous year's assistance, and recommendations from similar sources. The application of a missionary who is laboring with any particular church, must be accompanied by that of the church also. Any alteration in the details of a previous arrangement should be particularly mentioned.

5. All missionaries appointed by the Executive Committee are expected to labor and report according to the instructions given them from time to time, directly to the Corresponding Secretary.

6. Those appointed to labor within the boundaries of an auxiliary, will be placed under its direction and superintendence, so far, at least, as that the instructions of the Society are not contravened; report to their board of managers as often as they require, and furnish them a copy of the reports made to the Corresponding Secretary of the parent society.

7. The Executive Committee find it necessary to adhere to the foregoing rules in all cases; and as informal applications occasion a considerable increase of postage, and loss of time, it is very desirable to the Committee, and essential to the success of the application, that the requisitions hereafter be complied with.

REMARKS.

Here then, are provisions for co-operation between the Society and its auxiliaries, of the most liberal character; calculated on one hand to enlarge the operations of the Society, and greatly promote the benevolent designs of its founders; and on the other, adapted to the condition and necessities of the various auxiliaries throughout the country. In constituting the board of managers of the auxiliaries, nominating and recommending committees, we insure to the churches at large a prudent disbursement of the funds committed into our hands; and to the auxiliaries themselves, provided the territory they attempt to superintend is not too extensive, appointments of the most efficient character attainable, and appropriations, when the treasury admits, commensurate with their necessities. In addition to which, it will be seen, that those auxiliaries which cultivate their own domestic field, and contribute to the Society their surplus funds, may be aided to carry out their benevolent designs towards such as are more dependent.

Under such arrangements it will be further seen that the missionaries of the Society virtually become the missionaries of the auxiliaries, and their's, the missionaries of the Society. It forms one common interest in Home Mission operations, concentrates the energies, ability and piety of the denomination, and forms a bond of union among us at once strong in its influences upon the benefactors, and simple and efficient in its operations on the beneficiaries.

This occasion is improved to invite all the State Conventions, General Associations, and other domestic missionary bodies, not already thus related, to become auxiliary to the American Baptist Home Mission Society.

Several conventions and missionary societies have co-operated with the Society, as auxiliaries, a number of years—some of them from its organization; and they have nobly sustained it amidst all the vicissitudes which it has experienced. Although the entire benefits of their auxiliaryship cannot be estimated in this world, yet, in looking over the history of the Society, the prosperous condition of many churches; the moral and social happiness of numberless villages and towns, and the moral elevation attained even by States can be traced, to a considerable extent, to that source.

There are several others, however, which have not entered into the auxiliary relation. Being, in general, active and successful in enlarging Zion within their own territorial limits, they have either overlooked the subject altogether, or considered it not sufficiently important or expedient to require such a step. But if union is strength: and if the union of a portion of those bodies has been productive of so much benefit, might not much more be expected were the whole combined in one great organization for mutual counsel and aid, concentrating at one point official information of the labors, contributions, and success of each?

It is admitted that generous pecuniary aid has been extended to the Society by churches and individuals in states where there are conventions and general associations not auxiliary, and it may be thought by some that this is co-operation of the most valuable sort. That it is valuable, all admit, but the inquiry returns, Would not the success

of the Society's operations be far more effectually and rapidly promoted if, with that aid, such a reciprocity in counsels and action among all our domestic missionary bodies could be established, which an identity of interest, arising from the auxiliary relation, as explained in this article, would naturally produce?

The subject is submitted to the consideration of all such bodies, with the hope that at the earliest period practicable, they will enter into the proposed relation with us.

Missionary bodies, disposed to become auxiliary, have only to add a clause to that effect in their constitution, immediately following the appellation of the body. Or, to pass substantially the following resolution.

Resolved, That this ——— become auxiliary to the American Baptist Home Mission Society, "according to the seventh article of its Constitution." A copy of which resolution, with the constitution and list of officers of the body passing it, should be sent to the Corresponding Secretary at New-York as soon as consistent.

AUXILIARIES

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Michigan Baptist Domestic Mission Society.

New-Hampshire Baptist State Convention.

Connecticut do do do

Massachusetts do do do

Vermont do do do

New-York do do do

Illinois do do do

Ohio do do do

Kentucky do General Association.

Pennsylvania do State Convention.

Louisiana do Domestic Missionary Society.

Tennessee do State Convention.

Maryland do Union Association.

Virginia do General Association.

Michigan do State Convention.

It is apprehended that some missionary bodies, not named above, have become auxiliary to the Society, notice of which has not been forwarded to us, or has miscarried. We respectfully request, if the name of any such auxiliary does not appear in the above list, that notice of the fact may be communicated as soon as practicable to the Corresponding Secretary; stating also, if convenient, the period when it became so, &c.

There are many other domestic missionary societies existing in churches, which, for several years, have contributed regularly and liberally to the funds of the society, but have not formally become auxiliary to it.

EXTRACTS

FROM THE CORRESPONDENCE OF MISSIONARIES.

As this periodical is published *quarterly* only, and as it is desirable to put the churches in possession of missionary intelligence as frequently as possible, much of the correspondence of our missionaries is communicated through the various Baptist weekly papers.—The following extracts, therefore, are from letters not previously before the public.

We are happy in being able to say, that though many of our missionaries in the western valley speak of discouragements arising from the anti-mission spirit and heresies which extensively prevail there, they nearly all write in the same encouraging strain as the following—all seem to be enjoying, to some extent, "times of refreshing from the presence of the Lord."

UPPER CANADA.

William Rees, Brantford, Nov. 2, 1840.

"It will doubtless be cheering to you to learn that since my last report six have been added to the church by baptism and more are expected. Truly Upper Canada is a wide field, and requires from ten to twenty plain, humble, faithful and zealous ministers of our denomination for its cultivation. I have many pressing invitations to preach in different places, but am obliged to decline on account of stated and special engagements at my present stations. To fulfil them my time and strength are all required,"

John Butler, Rawdon, Dec. 20, 1840.

"In making out this quarterly report I have reason to bless God for special encouragement. We recently held a protracted meeting which continued a week, and resulted, I trust, in the declarative glory of God and the hopeful conversion of several souls. I have, thus far, had the privilege of baptizing thirteen. The anti-mission spirit exists to a considerable extent within the limits of my field, but I hope and believe if I am spared a little longer I shall see a great and happy change; indeed I have seen much improvement in this respect already."

William Fraser, Breadalbane, Dec. 28, 1840.

"Two churches to the west of me on the Ottawa river, being without pastors, are like sheep without a shepherd. If both should join they would be unable to support one without the aid of others. A branch of this church about thirty miles southwardly, was some time ago formed into a distinct church, and till lately enjoyed the labors of a missionary, but now he has gone up the country and they also are left alone. For these and the world around me I shall do what I can.

"I often preach in Scotch Gaelic, my mother tongue, and this part of the country is almost all peopled by Highlanders from Scotland, and thousands of them are the prey of Roman priests. About 30,000 souls who speak that language occupy the territory in which I itinerate, and a great many old people among them can never understand the gospel in any other. I have made three tours through a Gaelic settlement sixty miles from hence, and now a house of worship is built there, and a missionary is ministering to a flourishing church. I have made two or three tours to another settlement about 100 miles distant; the last time with a young missionary who is now laboring with them. On each visit I baptized a number, and now a church has been organized there also, consisting of sixty or seventy members. There is still another settlement more distant, on the Ottawa, peopled chiefly by Highlanders, which suffers greatly for want of the preached word. I shall try during my engagement with your Society to do what I can for them.

"You, in the United States, who suffer none of the evils of a connexion of church and state, among which are a multitude of ungodly clergy seeking the fleece and not the flock, deceiving the people with a name to live while they are dead; you who do not see the poor state of such a country, can scarcely form an adequate conception of the difficulties which the humble ministers of the gospel have to grapple with. However, blessed be God! light is spreading, churches are forming, missionaries are increasing, prejudices are falling, souls are saved, and in many places the morals of the people are greatly improved.

"You are not aware, I suppose, that even the Roman priests are taken on government pay with us, and that they do all they can to oppose the Bible and spread of evangelical truth, rob the people of their money, and ruin their precious souls.

"The superstition of these people is extraordinary. They believe that on Christmas day every creature, even the very deer, bend the knee and worship. Some of them even watch at sun rise on that day to see the sun dance; and some of them will tell you that they actually saw it make three or four leaps, and then go on his way. These things they believe and feel easy, while the truth they do not believe. An acquaintance of mine related to me the following conversation with an old man who wrought for her. She one day inquired of him how he expected to be saved. He replied, that his son had one cow, and that when he died they were going to give it to the priest, to have him released from purgatory.

"Some miles north of my house one of them died. The body was carried to the consecrated ground: but as the poor people had nothing to pay the priest, they had to take home the body again till a collection was made among the neighbors, and then, the second time they went, paid the priest his demand, and laid the body in the holy ground where they thought it safe.

"But my soul rejoices to know that French missionaries have lately arrived from Switzerland to preach among them Christ and him crucified, and I am glad to hear that they are already successful."

IOWA TERRITORY.

Hezekiah Johnson, Des Moines, Nov. 11, 1840.

"There are many important places in this territory where nothing has yet been done by our denomination. Few persons who have not seen this country, can form an adequate conception of its present improved state, or, the density of our population. A foundation is already laid for the acquisition of great wealth, and it is an exciting

thought, that it will be employed for good or evil. The inhabitants of the territory are not, generally, immoral, but very indifferent to religious things. I have seen no place which so imperiously demands the attention of the Home Mission Society."

MICHIGAN.

Supply Chase, Mount Vernon, Dec. 29th, 1840.

"It is with great joy I sit down to write my quarterly report, for the Lord has appeared for us again in great mercy. During the last autumn, on account of the unparalleled political excitement and other causes, we suffered much religious declension. But a remnant were found, weeping between the porch and the altar, and praying the Lord to revive his work. On this account, prayer meetings were held twice a week during October and November, after which, assisted by Elders E. Weaver and M. Sanferd, we commenced a series of meetings every day and evening, which continued till the 26th inst. The blessing of the Lord has accompanied them. His people have been revived and sinners converted. On Saturday last I had the pleasure of burying in baptism six joyful converts, among which were my two dear and only sons. Others have been received as candidates for baptism, and will go forward the first opportunity. The work has been mostly among the youth, and a lovely company of disciples they are.

"Dec. 31st. Since the 26th instant, I have been engaged in laboring at Stony Creek. God is pouring out his Spirit upon this people; some have already found the forgiveness of sins, while many are inquiring "What shall I do to be saved?"

INDIANA.

Daniel Palmer, Centre Square, Dec. 13th, 1840.

"God has been pleased to bless the labors of one of the most unworthy of his servants. My heart has been made to rejoice in seeing churches revived, backsliders return, and sinner's flee to Jesus. One instance of revival I will mention. The Church at Grant's Creek, once a flourishing band, had, for twelve years scarcely maintained its visibility, and became reduced to but eight members. The neighborhood had become immoral; the Lord's day was not regarded, and drinking and gambling were common. A meeting was appointed there, however, which I attended with others. The Lord came down in his power and grace. Twenty-two were baptized; four united by letter, and one was restored; and by subsequent additions the number of members now amounts to forty. The place is revolutionized. I have engaged to supply them a year. Other places have shared in the good work."

William M. Pratt, Crawfordsville, Jan. 1st, 1841.

"When I reached Middletown the little church were anxiously praying to God to revive his work. They were willing to give up all business to attend meetings, and I continued there a week, preaching night and day in a crowded house. On Sunday last six were baptized, and on Thursday nine more. There was never known such a time in that place before. I regretted to leave them, but, having preached once and twice a day for near two weeks, I was unable to continue longer. There are a number waiting for baptism, and the work is going on. People attend the meetings from a distance of five and six miles. One old man 66 years of age is among the converts. He has been a drunkard, but seems to be a completely renovated man, and is a monument of the power of grace to reform the vilest of the vile. Most of the others are from eighteen to fifty years of age. The Lord has indeed blest that little church. On the 4th of July last, nine persons, having been expelled from the old church on account of their missionary principles, set up the banner of the Lord. In six months, notwithstanding much opposition, they have increased to 43. All the males among them are solid, active men, and form the bone and sinew of the place. The field of missionary labor in this region is opening more and more."

MISSOURI.

Alvin P. Williams, Lexington, Dec. 28th, 1840.

"The past year has been one of great interest to me on several accounts, especially because God, I trust, has made me successful in winning souls to Christ. How many have been converted I am not prepared to say; but I have had the unspeakable pleasure of baptizing into the fellowship of the different churches in the field of my operations 122 willing converts. The churches are still in a prosperous condition. The

church in this place has received 97 by baptism. The true missionary spirit prevails among the members. During the past season they have erected a commodious brick meeting-house, which will accommodate a thousand persons; they have contributed liberally for the support of the gospel among themselves, and for Home and Foreign Missions."

OHIO.

Thomas P. Hughes, Granville, Dec. 28, 1840.

"There are some thousands of Welch in Ohio, and much destitution in a religious point of view, prevails among them. There are scores of ministers, natives of Wales, but they labor exclusively among the Americans, and many of them have nearly if not entirely forgotten the language of their native land; while thousands of the people are without any knowledge of English. Are these to be left without the blessed gospel? Once the voices of some of the best ambassadors of the cross, blowing the trumpet in Zion, and sounding the alarm in God's holy mountain, were heard by them, but those voices are now hushed in silence to them. Your Society will receive the blessing of him that was ready to perish, for you have made the widow's heart to sing for joy, and delivered the poor that cried, and him that had none to help him. We hope your efforts for the Welch will not yet cease, for much success has attended them thus far."

T. R. Cressy, Columbus, Jan. 12th, 1841.

"For a few weeks past there has been an increased spirit of prayer among the brethren, and there are three of the congregation of whom I have obtained good evidence of recent conversion. I expect they will be baptized soon. Last Lord's day was decidedly the most solemn and interesting day we have had for more than six months. We hope to see, at least, a few mercy drops descend upon us."

After describing the neat and chaste meeting-house recently erected by the church, aided by the inhabitants, he says "I am thus particular, because I look upon the whole, together with the numerous conversions which have occurred here, not only as a monument which we have been enabled to erect to his grace, but also to the credit of the American Baptist Home Mission Society. It is with delight I contemplate the rapidity with which the history of that Society is being written in the cities, villages, and hamlets of the West. The time is near, if not now arrived, when to the infidel and opposer of missions, inquiring for the good it has accomplished, it may be replied,—Enter the broad valley of the Mississippi, and look around. Behold the houses of worship erected, the churches gathered, the souls converted, and the institutions established and sustained by its instrumentality, and that good appears."

"The ladies' society which has heretofore labored to aid in finishing our meeting house, has changed its object and name. It is now a Home Mission Society, and a part of their funds will be transmitted to your treasury."

MARYLAND.

Joseph Mettam, Pikesville, Dec. 18, 1840.

"The Lord has been pleased to pour out his Spirit on the people of this neighborhood. On the 29th ult. I had the happiness to receive into the church twelve persons whom I had previously baptized at different times. Among the number were two young men and their wives, three young men, each about 21 years of age, and two in their fifteenth year, all of whom promise much usefulness. We rejoice too, that our Sunday School has, in a measure, proved to be a nursery to the church. Four members of it, we trust, have been converted. Three of them have united with the church, and the other will shortly follow. I have great reason to rejoice that my dear son is among the number. There are others ready for baptism, and a number deeply concerned. Last year we numbered only twelve, at this time thirty. To God be all the glory."

APPOINTMENTS.

Since Nov. 1st, 1840, seven missionaries and one agent have been appointed, viz.: to Pennsylvania, 1; to Virginia, 1; to Ohio, 1; to Illinois, 3; to Upper Canada, 1.—The Agent to Michigan.

During the same period six missionaries and one missionary agent, whose previous engagements had expired, have been re-appointed, viz.: to Ohio, 1; to Indiana, 3; to Illinois, 2. The missionary agent, brother James Huckins, is, probably, in Texas.

CORRESPONDENCE OF AGENTS.

A very interesting letter has been received at the Mission Rooms from Elder John Peck, our beloved General Agent, dated at Washington, Ga., Jan. 18, 1841.

He has had interviews with many brethren in the ministry, and others of experience and influence, and speaks in the highest terms of his reception by them. The conciliating spirit with which he prosecutes his mission is effecting much for the cause of missions, and the preservation of that harmonious intercourse which has so long prevailed throughout our denomination. He concludes with the expression of his firm belief that, by the blessing of God, the affectionate union which has so long subsisted among us will not be broken up.

Brother Reuben Winchell, our Missionary Agent in Missouri, has recently advised us of his safe arrival at his appointed field. From Palmyra, Marion Co. he writes, Nov. 16, 1840, "I feel myself fairly and happily introduced into my field of labor."

Brother R. Kimball is engaged in a very important agency in Illinois. He has met with encouraging success in collecting funds for general purposes in that state, and especially so in enlightening many churches on the subject of ministerial support, and aiding them in obtaining funds for that purpose.

Brother Otis Briggs has also labored successfully in North Carolina, a portion of Virginia, and the northern part of South Carolina. For several reasons, his collection of funds has been more limited than was anticipated; but he has exerted a good influence in explaining the objects of the Society, and winning the favorable regard of many who had previously treated it with prejudice or indifference.

 POPERY IN TROUBLE.

The editor of the "Catholic Advocate," a paper printed at the West, in a prospectus recently issued for a new volume of the paper, complains that out of a body of more than thirty thousand Catholics in Kentucky, (?) comparatively few have aided to sustain it. He adds, "that many weak brethren have proved recreant to their faith, and fallen away; that others have concealed their principles, and not dared even to whisper the awful truth that they are Catholics; that many are merely Catholics in name, and are ashamed to practise their religion."

Are not such admissions worthy of the serious attention of Baptists? Kentucky is a Baptist state. Our churches there are numerous, and many of the ministering brethren are talented, pious and active. Untrammelled by forms, creeds, or government, originating in Popish superstition or deception, and zealously maintaining that cardinal principle of true christianity, that the revealed word of God alone is the standard of christian faith and practice: and acting upon that principle in their preaching, the administration of the ordinances of the gospel, and all their works of benevolence and love, they are reflecting around them such a volume of scriptural light that spiritual darkness near them must, necessarily, be dissipated.

Is not this an encouragement to prosecute our Home Mission effort, especially in the Mississippi valley, that fair and important portion of our country which is coveted so earnestly by papists?

In these things we perceive a balm for the wounded spirits of those who have suffered alarm from the great influx of Roman Catholic foreigners into the United States; who have trembled on that account for the safety of our civil and religious institutions. We do not mean by the remark that those endeared and cherished institutions are in no danger from *such a source*, but we have always believed that the pure gospel of Jesus Christ possesses an inherent power which, freely promulgated in a land of civil and religious freedom, is sufficient to avert that danger. Nor do we mean that the apprehended danger will be easily averted by the ordinary efforts of christian pastors. The protection must be commensurate with the danger. If Roman Catholics are attempting to possess themselves of our western territory, and establish their superstitions and power there, all evangelical christians and especially Baptists, must meet and repel them with the conservative influence of the gospel. A minister of Christ should be placed in juxta-position with every Roman priest, and the simple institutions of the New-Testament should be sustained in the face of the abominations of popery, wherever they are exhibited.

Let our churches awake to this duty, and act consistently with their high and holy calling; let all christians remember that they are not their own, but bought with a price, and should therefore glorify God in their bodies and spirits, which are God's; let them all make more of a daily business of their religion, and work for God; let them send faithful missionaries to blow the trumpet of the gospel upon every hill top

and in every vale of our country that is occupied by man, and every Roman Catholic editor in the country would complain like him of the "Advocate," and every priest would join the lamentation; while the cry would rise up from innumerable tongues, and spread throughout the land in the length of it, and in the breadth of it, "Babylon is fallen, is fallen."

DIRECTORS AND MEMBERS FOR LIFE,

Omitted in former Reports.

Rev. Joseph G. Binney, Savannah, Ga. Life Director
 Mrs. Juliet P. Binney, do do
 Rev. Edwin C. Brown, Quincy, Ill., Life Member, by Bap. Church in Hudson, N. Y.
 " Timothy R. Cressy, Columbus, Ohio, do
 " John B. Hague, Eastport, Me. do by his church and congregation.
 " S. Ripley, Foxborough, Mass. do by Old Colony Association.
 Robert Scott, Amesbury, do do by Salisbury and Amesbury church.
 Rev. J. F. Wilcox, do do do by Fem. H. M. S. of do

It is possible that the names of other Life Directors and Members have been omitted in former reports; or, that the names, residences, post-office address, or sources from whence the requisite amount of money was received, are given wrong. The Executive Committee is desirous of acknowledging every person entitled to those privileges, and respectfully request that any omission or error appearing in the Annual or Quarterly Reports of the current year, may be communicated to the Corresponding Secretary through the delegates at the next anniversary at Baltimore.

Measures are now in progress for rendering and preserving in future the list as correct as possible; and our friends who furnish the necessary subscriptions hereafter, are requested also to accompany them with all the information essential to the attainment of that object.

NEW DIRECTORS AND MEMBERS FOR LIFE.

Rev. W. C. Crane, Montgomery, Alabama, Life Director.
 Samuel S. Biddle, Esq., Life Member, Newbern, N. C.
 Rev. Wm. P. Biddle, do do do
 John M. Davies, do New-York
 Rev. Joseph W. D. Creath, Black Face P. O., Nottoway Co., Va.
 Miss Sarah P. Catlett, Darlington, S. C., by "Obscura."
 Mrs. Sarah Ann Carroll, South Washington P. O., N. C. by her husband, Mr. L. Carroll.
 Miss Sarah Eliza Evans, Society Hill, S. C.
 George R. French, Wilmington, N. C.
 Owen Fennell, Esq., do do
 Rev. George Fennell, Harrell's Store P. O. do.
 Mrs. Lydia B. Green, New-Bedford, Mass.
 " Louisa S. Wilcox, Amesbury, Mass, by the Salisbury and Amesbury church.
 " Harriet E. Kerfoot, Battletown P. O., Clark Co., Va.
 Mary Eliza Sowers, do do do do
 David Smith Williams, Cumberland Co. N. C.,
 Rev. J. S. C. F. Frey, Williamsburgh, N. Y. through the Oliver-street F. H. M. S.
 " Elisha W. Taylor, Brooklyn, do do do do
 " Cephas Bennett do do do do
 Jonathan Odell, New-York, by himself do do do do
 Miss M. B. Gardner do do do do
 Rev. Samuel Cook, by the Church in Hopkinton, N. H.

OUR NEXT ANNIVERSARY.

The Ninth Anniversary of the American Baptist Home Mission Society will be held in the meeting-house of the Calvert-street Baptist Church, Baltimore, April 27th, 1841. Commencing, in the afternoon, at 3 o'clock, and in the evening, when the annual sermon will be preached, at half-past 7 o'clock.

ADDRESS OF THE SOCIETY.

Communications intended for the Society or Executive Committee, should be addressed to Rev. BENJAMIN M. HILL, Corresponding Secretary of the American Baptist Home Mission Society.

Donations and subscriptions to R. W. MARTIN, Esq., Treasurer, No. 57 Wall-street.

TREASURER'S RECEIPTS.

Moneys received by the Treasurer from November 1, 1840, to Feb. 1, 1841.

<i>New-Hampshire.</i>			
State Convention, per J. A. Gault, Tr.			
part of which by the Bap. ch. in			
Hopkinton to make Rev. Samuel			
Cook a life member	\$136 54		
<i>Massachusetts.</i>			
State Convention, per W. D. Ticknor,			
Treasurer	\$500 00		
Lydia B. Greene, New-Bed-			
ford, balance of life mem.	10 00		
<i>Rhode Island.</i>			
1st Bap. Ch. Pawtucket, per Rev. J. S.			
Spaulding, being collection taken			
by Rev. J. Peck per Rev. J. Huc-			
kins	34 00		
Wakefield Church, per S. Ro-			
binson, per do	8 00		
<i>Connecticut.</i>			
A friend in Hartford, per R.			
Winchell, agent			
<i>New-York.</i>			
State Convention, per Charles			
Babcock, Treasurer	377 41		
Contribution by 1st and 2d			
Bapt. Churches, Brooklyn,			
after sermon by Rev. J. Huc-			
kins,	54 00		
Contribution by Tabernacle			
Bap. Ch. N. York, do	50 00		
Individuals in South Bap. Ch.			
N. York, after sermon by do	10 00		
Collection in Stanton-street			
Church, New-York	22 54		
Stanton-st. Fem. Education			
Soc. per Mrs. C. Phelps, Tr.	10 00		
Do do do	40 19		
Abraham Numan, Troy, 2d			
instal. to con. himself L.M.	10 00		
S. King, Oliver-st. New-York	1 00		
J. M. Davies, for life mem.	50 00		
Oliver-st. Mission Soc. pr Mrs.			
S. W. Cauldwell, Treas.	150 00		
Ezekiel Archer, New-York	3 00		
Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Wernham,			
1st Church, New-York	5 00		
<i>Pennsylvania.</i>			
1st Bap. Church, Pittsburgh,			
per Rev. W. Parkinson	10 25		
Collections by Rev. O. Briggs, agt:			
Rev. J. Matthias, Hilltown Ch.	2 00		
Thos. Williams, do	1 00		
Eleanor Williams, do	50		
Pamela Williams, do	50		
Widow S. Evans, N. Britain ch.	1 00		
Sarah M. Matthias, do	50		
Levi Jenkins, Montgomery church	50		
Reuben Yocum, Mt. Pleasant ch.	1 00		
Robert W. Mingus, do	5 00		
D. Allabough, L. Providence ch.	5 00		
Rebecca Hews, do	5 00		
Benjamin Johnson, do	1 00		
Daniel Morgan, do	3 00		
Thos. Morgan, do	1 00		
Mrs. Dubbs, do	50		
Rebecca Casselbury do	3 00		
Andrew Morgan, do	1 00		
Wm. O. Roberts, do	1 00		
John Reese, do	1 00		
Great Valley Church, viz:			
Mary Supplee	50		
Peter Supplee	50		
Zimmerman Supplee	1 00		
Elizabeth, Mary Ann, and Mar-			
garet Grover	2 00		
Jonathan P. Abram	3 00		
Joseph Lawrence	1 00		
Widow Sarah George	1 00		
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Mary Siter		1 00	
John and Ann Hampton		2 00	
William Lawrence		2 00	
Henry Hautfman		5 00	
Jeremiah Griffith		1 00	
Emily Siter		50	
George Beaver		3 00	
Samuel Stearns		3 00	
Rachel Jones, Jr.		1 00	
Cash		50	
Rachel Jones, Sen.		2 00	
Jonathan Jones		1 00	
Valley Forge Church, viz:			
Jane Cleaver		1 00	
Christiana Abram		1 00	
Rev. T. S. Griffith, Windsor ch.		1 00	
Collection at Windsor church		4 76	
Riley Hickman, Goshen church		3 00	
Isabella Miller, Marcus Hook ch.		2 00	
John D. Walker		3 00	
Hannah Walker		50	
John P. Crozier, West Branch			
Westch'r Co. Penn's Grove P.O.		10 00	
Nathan Frame, Chadsford ch.		1 00	
		102 01	
Credited last quarter		56 00	
			46 01
<i>Maryland.</i>			
Collections in Baptist churches			
in Baltimore, by Rev. J. Huc-			
kins, per Wm. Crane, Esq.			55 00
<i>Virginia.</i>			
1st and 2d Bapt. Churches, Richmond,			
per Rev. J. Hucius		43 50	
Collections by Rev. Otis Briggs, agt:			
Daniel S. Kerfoot, Upperville ch.		5 00	
John Foster, Buck Marsh ch.		2 00	
Jane Foster, do		50	
George Kerfoot, Bethel church		6 00	
William Kerfoot, do		5 00	
James Sowers		5 00	
Fraucis Miller, Gourd Vine ch.		50	
Collection at Mount Poney ch.		3 52	
Jewelry in Box, valued at		1 50	
Walker B. Asher		50	
Rev. John C. Gordon, Zion ch.		5 00	
Wm. S. Frazer		50	
John Fleet		50	
George Morton		2 00	
Rev. M. Frazer, Mt. Hermon ch.		1 00	
Huldah his wife		1 00	
Rev. Wm. R. Powell		1 00	
John A. Gordon, Waller's church		1 00	
Alexander Herndon		1 00	
Benjamin Waller		1 00	
Rev. Charles A. Lewis		2 50	
Thomas D. Herndon		1 00	
Henry Beasley		1 00	
Henry Davis, County Line Ch.		50	
Thomas Smith		1 50	
Thomas Anderson		5 00	
Mary Luck		50	
Samuel Redd, Mt. Carmel church		4 00	
John Redd do		1 00	
George Richerson do		1 00	
Samuel Golden do		1 00	
Wm. Knots and wife		75	
William L. Harris		50	
Samuel Redd, Jr.		2 00	
Lucy Harris		50	
Sarah Winston		2 00	
James Square, per W. Sands		6 00	
Rev. John Carter, Boar Swamp			
church, on old sub. per do		10 00	
George Bendall, High Hills ch.			
on old subscription, per do		10 00	
High Hills Church, per do		7 00	
Elder James Clapton, per do		10 00	

Baptist Church F. T. per do	2 00
Newville Church, per do	6 50
High Hills Church, per John McGlamre	2 50
Edward Fisher, Bellfield	50
Henry Allen	1 50
Noah Lilly, James' Square ch.	1 00
Charles King and wife	1 00

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Credited last quarter 100 00

North Carolina.

James Smithwick, Browns ch.	3 00
Individuals at Haywoods ch.	1 62
Jorish Langford, Louisbury ch.	1 00
Phineas Hawkins	50
Ann Eliza Langford	27
Rev. W. H. Merritt, bal. of sub. to make himself a life director	20 00
Rev. Geo. W. Purify, last instalment to make himself a L.M.	10 00
Albert G. Hinton, 3d and 4th instalment for life membership	10 00
W. M. Burns, 1st ins. to make his wife Mahala a life mem.	10 00
John Burns, subscription for do	5 00
Thos. Farish, 1st ins. to make himself a life member	10 00
John Fooshee do	5 00
Benj Deberry, on subscription	10 00
Azariah Chambers, last two ins for life membership	10 00
Individuals in New Union Ch.	2 00
Edmund Deberry do	1 00
John Ballard	50
Elisha Bostick, last two instalments for life membership	10 00
Elijah Postwick do	10 00
Tristram Bostwick, 1st ins. do	5 00
Alexander N. Nicholson, last two ins. for life membership	10 00
Thomas Dockery, Cartlage's Creek Church	2 00
Mary Patterson, of Chapel Hill, Orange Co. 1st ins. for L. M.	5 00
James Hollingsworth, Fayetteville church	1 00
Jonathan Hollingsworth, do	50
A Friend	50
Richard Hollingsworth	1 00
John Marsh	1 00
Amos Jessup	1 00
William S. Jessup	1 00
Rev. James McDaniel	1 00
John McDaniel	1 00
Friendship Church, Cumberland County, Alex. Williams, 1st instalment to make his wife Charity Smith a Life Member	5 00
Rev. David Smith Williams, balance of his life mem. sub. to H. A. Wilcox	24 00
Alex. S. Williams, 1st ins. to make his wife Mary M. a L.M.	5 00
Owen Fennell, Esq., Wilmington, for life membership	30 00
Rev. G. Fennell, Harrell's store P. O., for life membership	30 00
Arthur Brown, Sampson Co.	50
Elizabeth Boykin, do	1 00
J. L. Boykin, do	50
Mt. Holly Church, Laban Carroll, to make his wife Sarah Ann a life member, South Washington P. O.	30 00
Wm. Lamb, do	1 00
Margaret Lamb, do	25
Lot Croom, do	50
Matthew Johnson, do	50
Bryan W. Sloan, do	1 00

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Colored Presbyterian Girl, Smithville	15
Two individuals at Church	25
John Oliver, Bearmarsh church	1 00
Samuel S. Biddle, Esq. Newbern N. C. to make himself a life M.	30 00
Rev. Wm. P. Biddle, do do	30 00
James Riggs, do	5 00
Zacheus Slade, 2d ins. to make himself a life member	10 00
Mrs. Mehetabel Hunter	3 00
Mrs. Susan Jones	3 00
Elizabeth Washington, Newbern, 1st ins. to make herself a life member	10 00

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South Carolina.

Collections by Rev. James Huckins, agt:	183 43
Coll. by Rev. O. Briggs, agt:	
John F. Wilson, Society Hill	5 00
David R. W. Melver, do	5 00
Jonathan H. Melver, do 1st instalment to make Rev. Richard Furman a life member	15 00
Rev. Richard Furman, 1st ins. to make his wife Mary a L. M.	5 00
Mary Darby	2 00
Sarah Eliza Evans, last instalment for life membership	20 00
Ann James Melver, 1st instalment for life membership	5 00
James King, Mechanicsville, 1st instalment to make his wife Hannah a life member	5 00
Hannah King	12
Evan G. Lide	10 00
Charles B. Fort, Society Hill	1 00
John Tolson, do	1 00
Jemima Darby, Darlington ch.	2 00
Mrs. Sally Z. Catlet do	1 00
Mrs. Emily L. Bacot do	2 00
Elizabeth Lide do	50
Mary Jane Dargan do	50
A Lady at Church do	25
Rev. Wm. Q. Beattie, Bennett's-ville church,	5 00

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Georgia.

Collections by Rev. J. Huckins, agent

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QUARTERLY PAPER

OF THE

AMERICAN BAPTIST HOME MISSION SOCIETY:

"Our Gospel came not unto you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Ghost, and in much assurance—so that ye were ensamples to all that believe. For from you sounded out the word of the Lord, not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place your faith to God-ward is spread abroad."—Paul.

No. VII. Mission Rooms, No. 9 Spruce-street, New-York. February, 1841.

THE AUXILIARY SYSTEM.

The constitution of the American Baptist Home Mission Society contains ample provisions for an auxiliary relation with any Baptist domestic missionary body. In view of those provisions the Society has acted, to some extent, from the period of its organization, with great benefit to young and feeble churches, and new settlements in various portions of the country. As with all other societies of a similar character, in the infancy of their history, various modifications in the details of their auxiliary operations have been found necessary; but the experience of several years, aided by the counsels of brethren in different portions of the country, has enabled the Executive Committee to adapt those operations to the various circumstances under which the auxiliaries are found to exist, and to offer a foundation for pleasant and efficient co-operation in Home Missions throughout the denomination.

Some of the leading features of our auxiliary system have been presented from time to time in our Annual reports and Quarterly papers; and more particularly, in various weekly papers, about a year ago, by our devoted General Agent, John Peck; but as explanation is still sometimes requested, it is deemed expedient in this number of the Quarterly Paper to offer extended remarks upon the subject, for the benefit of all inquirers. This we propose to do by showing the constitutional provisions for the auxiliary relation, and the plan of proceeding in financial operations and missionary appointments by the Executive Committee, in carrying out the benevolent designs of the Society; accompanying the same with explanatory remarks.

CONSTITUTIONAL PROVISIONS.

"ARTICLE 7. Any Baptist Missionary Society may become auxiliary, by agreeing to pay into the treasury of this Society the whole of its surplus funds, and sending to the Corresponding Secretary a copy of its constitution and annual reports, mentioning the names of its missionaries, and the fields of their operations."

Remarks.—This article applies to any State Convention, General Association, or other body having in view the management or superintendence of domestic missions, and, although it requires the surplus funds of the body applying, in order to become auxiliary, the destitution of such funds does not prevent the auxiliary relation. If an auxiliary expend all its funds for missionary purposes within its own limits, it is presumed they are advantageously disposed of,—the work of missions is performed in that field to the extent of the means appropriated, without the intervention of the general Society. But, if, after appropriating what is thought proper by the auxiliary, for

their own state or district, a balance remain in their treasury, it is expected that it will be sacredly transmitted to our treasurer for general purposes.

The requisition for the constitution, annual reports, and information of domestic operations, is obviously important and necessary. It will enable the parent society to understand the nature of the organization of each auxiliary, and learn and report the whole amount of missionary labor performed by all its members.

"ARTICLE 8. Every auxiliary society who shall agree to pay the whole of its funds to this society, shall be entitled to a missionary or missionaries, to labor in such field as it may designate, to an amount at least equal to that of its contributions; provided such designation be made at the time of payment."

Remarks.—This article is specific in its object. It contemplates an auxiliary which, for any reason, prefers to avail itself of the aid of the Society's Executive Committee in promoting missionary interests. A variety of considerations may lead an auxiliary to such a preference. The Executive Committee having frequently before them numerous applications from ministers for appointment, might often better supply an auxiliary, than the auxiliary could itself. Or the auxiliary may not possess sufficient funds to meet the necessities of their own state or district, and, therefore, place the whole in the treasury of the Society, in order that an addition may be made to it: for the provision is, that it shall be entitled to an appropriation "*at least equal to that of its contributions.*" Or the auxiliary might regard it as of paramount importance for the Society to supply the destitution of the new settlements in the West, in Canada or Texas. This is the case with some auxiliaries in churches, and might be with others of a more general nature.

"ARTICLE 9. The officers of auxiliary societies shall be *ex-officio* directors of this Society, and their members shall be members of this Society."

Comment upon this article is unnecessary.

FINANCIAL OPERATIONS.

1. The Constitution of the Society contains three restrictions on the Executive Committee in the disposal of funds. First in the 5th article, requiring "that all money contributed for any specific purpose shall be faithfully applied only to that particular object." Second, in the 8th article, which has already been mentioned; and third, what is implied in the 2d article, to expend the funds "to promote the preaching of the gospel in North America." With these restrictions the whole amount of the Society's funds are subject to the disposal of the Executive Committee, who, having the whole field before them, will always endeavor to distribute them as the necessities of the different portions of that field demand.

2. Their rule of action is, to give no prospective pledges of general appropriations, but "as far as the means of the Society will allow, all requests from auxiliaries shall be granted (having respect to a fair division of funds among the states, and providing for the contingencies in the 5th and 8th articles of the Constitution) for the aid of ministers, churches, or destitute places."

3. In determining what is a *fair* division of funds, the ability of the auxiliary to supply its own destitution, and the advance of the missionary spirit among them, are taken into consideration.

4. For the collection of funds the Society is dependent upon the voluntary contributions of individuals, churches, and other bodies, either auxiliary or otherwise; but its chief dependence is found to rest upon its own Collecting Agents, who, in general, are efficient, not only in obtaining subscriptions, but also in exciting activity in the auxiliaries, and greatly aiding their agents when they employ them.

5. "As a general rule," all agents appointed and paid by the Society, are required to deposit the funds collected in our treasury, or that of the State Convention where the collections are made, at the direction of the Committee on Agencies and Finance. But in all the latter cases, the amount so deposited is subject to the order of the Executive Committee for the support of the Society's missionaries in those states, to the amount appropriated for that purpose, and the surplus, if any, for general purposes."

6. In this arrangement two objects are contemplated. First, to avoid the risk and exchanges frequently arising on the transmission of funds from distant states. And, secondly, to render the payment of salaries convenient to the missionaries.

7. There are two classes of auxiliaries, viz.: those which sustain domestic missions within their own borders, and aid the Society in addition by their surplus funds and extra contributions; and those which, in conducting such missions, are aided by the Society.

8. In general, the funds of auxiliaries of the first class are collected and paid into their treasury by their own agents, or primary societies, and the surplus transmitted to ours by their treasurer. But frequently our agents are encouraged to make extra collections within their boundaries; in which case the amount collected is paid directly into our treasury.

9. All extra contributions, obtained in any way within the borders of such auxiliaries will be, if desired by the auxiliary, passed to the credit of the donor, *through the auxiliary*. This plan is adopted by one of the principal auxiliaries, and is the one which it is desirable should be universally adopted, as, in that case, all those bodies would receive credit in the reports of the Society's treasurer for the entire amount collected within their boundaries.

10. Extra efforts to obtain funds for general purposes are seldom made within the borders of auxiliaries of the second class; but when made, the same course can be taken in giving credit for funds obtained.

11. In certain cases, if an auxiliary, having missionaries of their own to sustain, desires the aid of an agent of the Society in collecting funds in their state, an arrangement can be made so as that from the funds collected, the whole or a part of the amount necessary for the purposes of that auxiliary shall be deposited in its treasury, and subject to its order; and the balance of collections transmitted to the general treasury; or, if the Society also have missionaries there, deposited in the treasury of the auxiliary for the payment of those missionaries' salaries.

12. It is expected that all auxiliaries will direct their treasurers to receive deposits of funds from any source to the credit of the Society, and provide for their safe-keeping and prompt payment, to the order of the Executive Committee of the Society.

MISSIONARY APPOINTMENTS.

1. The Executive Committee appoints missionaries, and collects funds in states where there are auxiliaries of the Society, and those also where there are none. In the latter cases the Committee necessarily exercises its discretion in the selection of missionaries and places to aid, and the labor to be performed.

2. Where there are auxiliaries, it is expected they will, as far as they are able, prosecute the necessary domestic mission operations within the territory they occupy. If, however, they are unable to extend those operations as far as their necessities demand, the Society holds itself in readiness to aid them according to its ability,—having reference to the necessities of other auxiliaries, or portions of the country. In such cases it is expected that their Board of Managers will nominate all persons residing within their boundaries for missionary appointment, stating or causing to be stated all the information required under the head of "applications for aid," following; and (unless special arrangements are made by the Executive Committee) select the fields of such as may be sent among them by the Committee, from other places; that they will direct and superintend the labors of all the Society's missionaries, so far as not to contravene the instructions of the Executive Committee; and advise the Committee, annually, respecting the re-appointment of all missionaries sustained by the Society in their territory, previous to the expiration of their appointment. They will also (*as is expected of every auxiliary*) give prompt notice of all ministers who would be useful as missionaries or agents, and are desirous of being employed as such, and all destitute places within their borders requiring attention; furnish an annual report of all their proceedings, the amount and expense of missionary labor performed under their exclusive direction, the names of their missionaries, fields of labor, and all such information as they possess to facilitate the designs of the Society.

APPLICATIONS FOR AID.

1. It is expected of every church, or destitute settlement, desiring aid of the Society, that they will make application directly to the Corresponding Secretary, accompanying the same with statements of the name of the church or settlement; the town, county, and state in which it is situated; the post-office address of one of the committee applying; the number of inhabitants in the town or settlement; the probable number attached to the Baptist denomination; the number of communicants in the church (if

here be one) or settlement; and average number of attendants on public worship; the name (in full) of the minister they have in view; his post-office address; age; the number of his family (if he have one;) the credentials he bears; the total amount of salary necessary for his support; the portion of that salary which they will engage for the given time; the least amount that will suffice from the Society for the same period; and any peculiar circumstances in their case to illustrate the necessity of their application.

2. These statements should be accompanied by the recommendation of one or more ministers, or prominent persons, known by some of the Executive Committee; or, in case the church or settlement is located within the bounds of a State Convention, Association, or Society auxiliary to this, it should procure the recommendation of its board of managers.

3. The same information respecting individuals, salary, &c., and the same recommendations as above are expected from ministers who apply for appointment in their own name; and the same information, in all respects, is expected of all auxiliaries, when they nominate persons for appointment.

4. As the appropriations of the Society are made, in general, for twelve months, if a renewal is desired, by either churches, settlements, or ministers a new application should be seasonably made, accompanied with information of the results of the previous year's assistance, and recommendations from similar sources. The application of a missionary who is laboring with any particular church, must be accompanied by that of the church also. Any alteration in the details of a previous arrangement should be particularly mentioned.

5. All missionaries appointed by the Executive Committee are expected to labor and report according to the instructions given them from time to time, directly to the Corresponding Secretary.

6. Those appointed to labor within the boundaries of an auxiliary, will be placed under its direction and superintendence, so far, at least, as that the instructions of the Society are not contravened; report to their board of managers as often as they require, and furnish them a copy of the reports made to the Corresponding Secretary of the parent society.

REMARKS.

Here then, are provisions for co-operation between the Society and its auxiliaries, of the most liberal character; calculated on one hand to enlarge the operations of the Society, and greatly promote the benevolent designs of its founders; and on the other, adapted to the condition and necessities of the various auxiliaries throughout the country. In constituting the board of managers of the auxiliaries, nominating and recommending committees, we insure to the churches at large a prudent disbursement of the funds committed into our hands; and to the auxiliaries themselves, provided the territory they attempt to superintend is not too extensive, appointments of the most efficient character attainable, and appropriations, when the treasury admits, commensurate with their necessities. In addition to which, it will be seen, that those auxiliaries which cultivate their own domestic field, and contribute to the Society their surplus funds, may be aided to carry out their benevolent designs towards such as are more dependent.

Under such arrangements it will be further seen that the missionaries of the Society virtually become the missionaries of the auxiliaries, and their's, the missionaries of the Society. It forms one common interest in Home Mission operations, concentrates the energies, ability and piety of the denomination, and forms a bond of union among us at once strong in its influences upon the benefactors, and simple and efficient in its operations on the beneficiaries.

This occasion is improved to invite all the State Conventions, General Associations, and other domestic missionary bodies, not already thus related, to become auxiliary to the American Baptist Home Mission Society.

Several conventions and missionary societies have co-operated with the Society, as auxiliaries, a number of years—some of them from its organization; and they have nobly sustained it amidst all the vicissitudes which it has experienced. Although the entire benefits of their auxiliaryship cannot be estimated in this world, yet, in looking over the history of the Society, the prosperous condition of many churches; the moral and social happiness of numberless villages and towns, and the moral elevation attained even by States can be traced, to a considerable extent, to that source.

There are several others, however, which have not entered into the auxiliary relation. Being, in general, active and successful in enlarging Zion within their own territorial limits, they have either overlooked the subject altogether, or considered it not sufficiently important or expedient to require such a step. But if union is strength: and if the union of a portion of those bodies has been productive of so much benefit, might not much more be expected were the whole combined in one great organization for mutual counsel and aid, concentrating at one point official information of the labors, contributions, and success of each?

It is admitted that generous pecuniary aid has been extended to the Society by churches and individuals in states where there are conventions and general associations not auxiliary, and it may be thought by some that this is co-operation of the most valuable sort. That it is valuable, all admit, but the inquiry returns, Would not the success of the Society's operations be far more effectually and rapidly promoted if, with that aid, such a reciprocity in counsels and action among all our domestic missionary bodies could be established, which an identity of interest, arising from the auxiliary relation, as explained in this article, would naturally produce?

The subject is submitted to the consideration of all such bodies, with the hope that at the earliest period practicable, they will enter into the proposed relation with us.

Missionary bodies, disposed to become auxiliary, have only to add a clause to that effect in their constitution, immediately following the appellation of the body. Or, to pass substantially the following resolution.

Resolved, That this ——— become auxiliary to the American Baptist Home Mission Society, "according to the seventh article of its Constitution." A copy of which resolution, with the constitution and list of officers of the body passing it, should be sent to the Corresponding Secretary at New-York as soon as consistent.

AUXILIARIES

TO THE AMERICAN BAPTIST HOME MISSION SOCIETY.

Michigan Baptist Domestic Mission Society.

New-Hampshire Baptist State Convention.

Connecticut do do do

Massachusetts do do do

Vermont do do do

New-York do do do

Illinois do do do

Ohio do do do

Kentucky do General Association.

Pennsylvania do State Convention.

Louisiana do Domestic Missionary Society.

Tennessee do State Convention.

Maryland do Union Association.

Virginia do General Association.

Michigan do State Convention.

It is apprehended that some missionary bodies, not named above, have become auxiliary to the Society, notice of which has not been forwarded to us, or has miscarried. We respectfully request, if the name of any such auxiliary does not appear in the above list, that notice of the fact may be communicated as soon as practicable to the Corresponding Secretary; stating also, if convenient, the period when it became so, &c.

There are many other domestic missionary societies existing in churches, which, for several years, have contributed regularly and liberally to the funds of the society, but have not formally become auxiliary to it.

TO SECRETARIES OF AUXILIARIES.

The Secretaries of all auxiliary bodies will be furnished with a copy of this Quarterly Paper, and they are respectfully requested to lay it before the Board of Managers with which they are respectively connected, on their first meeting after its reception, in order that such arrangements may be made as are necessary to carry out the foregoing plan of co-operation. As soon as we are informed of the readiness of the Board to act upon the plan, we shall instruct our missionaries accordingly.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

As informal applications for appointments or appropriations are frequently received by the Executive Committee, and as such applications occasion loss of time to the applicants, and often considerable extra postage to the Committee, it is thought proper to inform all applicants, whether ministers, churches, or others, that, without special reasons, the Executive Committee do not feel at liberty to depart from the preceding rules of action.

In deliberating upon applications for aid, preference will be given by the Committee to the nominations or recommendations of the boards of managers of auxiliary bodies. Next, in States or Territories where there are no auxiliaries, to the "Boards" of Conventions or General Associations; or, if circumstances prevent the action of those Boards, of their Secretaries. And when these do not exist in any State or Territory, then such other as are named under the head of "applications for aid."

✍ The receipt of all applications for aid, made conformably with the foregoing rules, will be immediately acknowledged by mailing a copy of this Quarterly Paper, or a letter, if specially requisite, to the address of the applicant. The application will be submitted to the proper Standing Committee, and to the Executive Committee at their earliest subsequent meeting; and the success of it communicated to the applicant immediately afterwards.

✍ *The receipt of INFORMAL applications will be acknowledged by forwarding a copy of this Quarterly Paper, (unless a letter is necessary,) folded in a green wrapper; in which case, the proper course for the applicant will be, to follow the directions given under the head of "applications for aid," and forward another application.*

As a general thing, a single sheet of paper is sufficient to contain all the writing necessary in an application, and when it is remembered that our letters usually come from distances where they are marked with the highest amount of postage, it will be seen that we are not unreasonable in requesting our correspondents to bear this point in mind. It is submitted to the judgment of correspondents, whether such applications should come to us post paid.

TO DOMESTIC MISSIONARY BODIES.

The Secretaries of *all* the State Conventions, General Associations, or other Domestic Missionary societies, will be furnished with a copy of this Quarterly Paper, in order that it may be presented to their respective Boards of Managers for consideration; and, if the Auxiliary System it contains is approved by them, to be made the basis of measures for the bodies they represent to become auxiliary to the American Baptist Home Mission Society.

The favorable attention of those Secretaries to the subject is respectfully requested.

TO MISSIONARIES.

All missionaries of the American Baptist Home Mission Society, laboring within the limits of an auxiliary body, will please, at their earliest convenience after receiving a copy of this Quarterly Paper, report themselves to the Secretary of such auxiliary, and consider themselves under the direction and superintendence of their Board of Managers, according to article 6, of "Applications for Aid," page 52.

HINTS TO MISSIONARIES AND AGENTS,

Of some importance in small matters.

The following hints are intended for those missionaries and agents *only* who are defective in any of the points mentioned. That there are such in more or less particulars, we have occasional demonstration, very much to our inconvenience and perplexity.

Occasionally read your commissions and instructions, so as to get the right idea of the sort of labor we want performed, and reports you should furnish us.

Be prompt to report at the periods specified in your commissions. Nothing but extraordinary providences should prevent it.

Never omit to date your letters; stating your place of residence, (if not a populous city or village, add the county, and if there is no post-office in your town, add the name of that most convenient for you,) and State.

Be careful to leave a space on the third page of your sheet sufficiently large for your wafer, so that it shall not cover a word of your writing, or on the letter being opened, mutilate, possibly, an important sentence.

Never send a double letter if it is possible to write what is necessary on a single sheet. It is better to write a few lines across the others than to increase the postage by an envelop. Many articles written on slips of paper and inclosed in a letter, making a double postage, might, with a little trouble, be written in the letter itself, and thus save a postage. In such a case, if the inclosure is to be used without the letter, be careful not to write on the back of it.

In directing the letter, be careful to use the address given in the Annual Reports or Quarterly Papers. A slight difference, especially where the proper name is not used, sometimes occasions, in this city, where so many societies, having almost similar titles exist, the miscarriage and loss of the letter.

In writing, use good, firm paper, and good ink—such as can be easily read by poor eyes.

Finally, having completed your letter, despatch it immediately to the post-office. The delay of a day more than is necessary, may prove an unwelcome disappointment.

REQUEST.

The Treasurers of Conventions, Associations, and Missionary Societies; and the Pastors of all Baptist churches, are respectfully requested to facilitate the transmission of moneys to our Treasurer.

FORM OF A BEQUEST TO THE SOCIETY.

I give unto the Treasurer, for the time being, of the American Baptist Home Mission Society, formed in the city of New-York, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty-two, the sum of _____ dollars, for the purposes of said Society, and for which the receipt of such Treasurer shall be a sufficient discharge.

MEMBERSHIP.

The following are the terms of membership, &c., in the American Baptist Home Mission Society.

An Annual Member, by an annual contribution.

A Member for Life, by the payment of \$30 or more.

A Director for Life, by the payment of \$100 or more, or any sum, which, in addition to a previous payment, makes one hundred dollars.

PRIVILEGES.

Annual members, Life Members, and members of Auxiliary Societies, are entitled to a seat and vote at the meetings of the Society.

Directors for Life are entitled to the additional privilege of voting at the election of an Executive Committee.

The officers of auxiliary societies are *ex officio*, Directors of this Society.

DIRECTORS AND MEMBERS FOR LIFE.

Notice is occasionally received at the Mission Rooms of errors in our list of Directors and Members; sometimes of the entire omission of names, &c. Extensive corrections have been recently made; but circumstances beyond our control, will always exist to render them necessary from time to time. This, therefore, is to request of all those who have contributed the sum requisite to constitute themselves Directors or Members for Life, and whose names do not appear as such on the list; and those whose names, residences, post-office address, or sources from whence the contribution was received, are given erroneously, to forward by delegates to the anniversaries, or other private conveyance, to the Corresponding Secretary, such information as is necessary to render the list correct in every particular.

NOTICE TO EDITORS.

By a resolution of the Executive Committee, adopted on the 23d of May, 1832, the Editors of periodicals published under the charge of the Baptist denomination, were authorized to insert in their publications, as *original matter*, all such communications as may appear in *any one* of them, under the sanction of the Executive Committee.

OUR ANNUAL REPORTS AND QUARTERLY PAPERS,

Are sent to the churches and friends of the Society *gratuitously*; those into whose hands they may fall, are respectfully and earnestly requested to secure for them as extensive a circulation as possible.

BAPTIST STATE CONVENTIONS, ASSOCIATIONS, &c.

The Secretaries of State Conventions and Societies, and Clerks of Associations, especially of our Auxiliaries, are respectfully requested to transmit to the Corresponding Secretary copies of their minutes, *as soon as possible* after the anniversaries of their respective bodies.

ADDRESS OF THE SOCIETY.

Communications intended for the Society or Executive Committee, should be addressed to Rev. BENJAMIN M. HILL, Corresponding Secretary of the American Baptist Home Mission Society, New-York.

Donations and subscriptions to R. W. MARTIN, Esq., Treasurer, No. 57 Wall-street.

All periodicals, or other printed documents, should be directed to "Am. Bap. Home Mission Society, New-York."

Please give the address as here printed, as on account of the existence of many societies and corporations in the city of New-York—some of them of nearly similar titles, an omission to do so, especially when the initials only are used, occasions the miscarriage and even loss of such documents.

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CONSTITUTION

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AMERICAN BAPTIST HOME MISSION SOCIETY.

ARTICLE I. This Society shall be called the **AMERICAN BAPTIST HOME MISSION SOCIETY**.

ARTICLE II. The great object of this Society shall be to promote the preaching of the Gospel in North America.

ARTICLE III. Any person may become a member of this Society by contributing annually to its funds: thirty dollars paid at one time shall constitute a member for life; one hundred dollars paid at one time shall constitute a director for life; and any person on paying a sum which, in addition to any previous contribution, shall amount to one hundred dollars, shall be a director for life; and any Baptist Church or Association, or State Convention, or Missionary Society, that contributes annually to the objects of this Society, shall be entitled to be represented by one or more delegates in its annual meetings.

ARTICLE IV. The officers of this Society shall be a President, Vice-Presidents, a Treasurer, an Auditor, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, and fifty Directors, who shall be annually appointed by the Society.

ARTICLE V. The Officers and Life Directors shall appoint an Executive Committee of thirteen persons, exclusive of the Treasurer, the Corresponding Secretary, the Recording Secretary and Auditor, residing in the city of New-York and its vicinity,—the Treasurer, the Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, and Auditor, shall be members *ex-officio* of the Executive Committee, five of whom shall be a quorum at any meeting regularly convened. This Committee shall have power to appoint its own meetings, form its own rules of business, and fill any vacancies which may occur during the year, and convene special meetings of the Board and of the Society; shall appoint missionaries, and instruct them as to the field and manner of their labors; shall dispose of the funds for the objects of the Society, provided that all moneys contributed for any specific purpose shall be faithfully applied only to that particular object; shall create such agency or agencies for the appointment of missionaries and for other purposes as the interests of the Society may require; and shall make an annual report of their proceedings to the Society. All the Officers, Executive Committee, Agents and Missionaries of the Society, shall be members of some regular Baptist Church, in general union with the body of that denomination.

ARTICLE VI. The Treasurer shall give bonds to such amount as the Executive Committee shall think proper.

ARTICLE VII. Any Baptist Missionary Society may become auxiliary, by agreeing to pay into the treasury of this Society the whole of its surplus funds, and sending to the Corresponding Secretary a copy of its constitution and annual reports, mentioning the names of its missionaries, and the fields of their operations.

ARTICLE VIII. Every Auxiliary Society who shall agree to pay the whole of its funds to this Society, shall be entitled to a missionary or missionaries, to labor in such field as it may designate, to an amount at least equal to that of its contributions; provided such designation be made at the time of payment.

ARTICLE IX. The officers of Auxiliary Societies shall be *ex-officio* Directors of this Society, and their members shall be members of this Society.

ARTICLE X. The annual meeting of the Society shall be held at such time and place as the Society shall determine, at a previous annual meeting, or as the Executive Committee shall determine.

ARTICLE XI. No alteration of this Constitution shall be made without an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members present at an annual meeting; nor, unless the same shall have been proposed at a previous annual meeting, or recommended by the Executive Committee.

MINUTES OF THE NINTH ANNIVERSARY.

The American Baptist Home Mission Society held its Ninth Anniversary in the Meeting-house of the First Baptist Church, Baltimore, on Tuesday afternoon, April 27, 1841.

The President, Heman Lincoln, of Massachusetts, took the Chair, and the meeting was opened with prayer by brother B. M. Sanders, of Georgia.

The Recording Secretary being absent, brother S. J. Drake, of New-Jersey, was appointed Secretary pro tem.

Ministering brethren present, not being delegates to the Society, were invited to a seat, to aid in its deliberations.

A Committee on elections was appointed, consisting of brethren Harrison of New-Jersey, Turpin of Georgia, Furman of South Carolina, Turnbull of Massachusetts, and Cookson of New-York.

On motion, *Resolved*, That a Committee composed of one delegate from each state represented in the Society, be appointed to nominate officers of the Society, consisting of the following brethren, viz: Caswell, R. I.; Adlum, Me.; Williams, N. H.; Ripley, Mass.; Linsley, Con.; Sommers, N. Y.; Webb, N. J.; Kennard, Penn.; Cushman, Del.; Hill, Md.; George, Va.; Finch, N. C.; Wilkinson, S. C.; Davis, Ga.; Hartwell, Ala.; Ripley, Tenn.; Finlay, Ky.; Boyakin, Ill.; Chandler, Ind.; Going, Ohio, and Brown, of D. C.

The Treasurer, R. W. Martin, read his Report, accompanied with the auditor's certificate of its correctness: which, on motion of brother John Peck of New-York, seconded by brother J. E. Welch of New-Jersey; was accepted and ordered to be printed with the minutes.

The Committee on elections reported the following list of Delegates from auxiliary bodies, as entitled to seats in the Society, which report was accepted, and the names of the delegates directed to be printed, viz:

From Ohio State Convention, J. Going, *G. I. Miles, *L. D. Baker.

New-Hampshire, do. E. B. Smith, E. E. Cummings, E. Worth, D. D. Pratt, S. Cooke, J. N. Brown, L. Hayden, F. G. Brown, G. Williams, A. T. Foss.

Massachusetts State Convention, D. Sharp, R. H. Neal, L. Tracy, N. Medbury, H. Jackson, A. Wilbur, T. F. Caldicott, I. Ballard, Irah Chase, Joseph W. Parker, John Wayland, Wm. H. Shailer, Ebenezer Thresher, Barnas Sears, Nathaniel W. Williams, Ebenezer Nelson.

Rhode-Island State Convention, *F. Wayland, jr. E. K. Fuller, I. H. Baker, D. Benedict, H. Marchant, T. C. Jameson, V. B. Bates, G. B. Peck, Pardon Miller.

* Absent.

Connecticut State Convention, J. H. Lindsley, D. C. Haynes, T. C. Teasdale, D. T. Shailer, I. S. Eaton, A. Parker, I. Atkins.

New-York State Convention, J. Peck, J. Smitzer, N. Kendrick, A. Wheelock, I. Cookson.

South Carolina State Convention, C. M. Breaker, J. G. O. Wilson, I. S. Autly, L. Dupreo.

New-Jersey State Convention, G. S. Webb, I. C. Harrison, Ed. W. Dickinson, I. G. Colloin, William Sym, I. Rogers.

Pennsylvania State Convention, J. M. Linnard, D. Dodge, G. B. Ide, I. Kennard, R. W. Cushman, B. R. Loxley, Wm. Shadrach, I. Jenkins, A. D. Gillette, I. M. Challis.

Maryland Union Association, S. P. Hill, G. F. Adams, I. Mettam, William Laws.

Baptist General Association of Virginia, Jeter, Hall, Taylor, Grimsly, Magoon, Ryland, Hume, Nelson.

Illinois State Convention, W. F. Boyakin.

Genesec Association, N. Y., Elon Galusha, I. Elliot.

Stevestown Association, N. N. Wood.

Black River Missionary Society, N. Y., S. Davis.

East Baptist Church, Brooklyn, E. E. L. Taylor, C. C. P. Crosby.

Pearl street Baptist Church, Albany, B. T. Welch, T. M. Burt, F. Humphrey.

Oliver-street Female Society, I. M. Allen, J. R. Ludlow G. N. Bleecker.

Tabernacle Baptist Church, N. Y., W. W. Everts, A. McDonnald, W. T. James, J. Gilbert.

First Baptist Church, Washington City, S. Chapin, W. Q. Force, O. B. Brown.

Saratoga Association, N. Y., J. Fletcher.

Edgfield Association, S. C. William B. Johnson.

Cayuga Association, N. Y., H. I. Eddy.

Monroe do. Pharellus Church, H. Minor.

Boylston Church, Boston, R. Turnbull, H. S. Washburn.

Ontario Association, N. Y., Ira Bennett.

South Baptist Church, N. Y., C. G. Sommers.

First Baptist Church, Brooklyn, Silas Halsey.

Church in Lynn, Mass. H. A. Graves, I. Bacheller.

LIFE DIRECTORS PRESENT.

Rev. Joseph Ballard,
 " Rufus Babcock, Jr.
 " J. Newton Brown,
 V. J. Bates,
 Rev. O. B. Brown,
 " Pharellus Church,
 " Spencer H. Cone,
 " John Cookson,
 William Colgate,
 William Crane,
 James C. Crane,
 Rev. Daniel Dodge,
 " S. J. Drake,
 " Richard Fuller,
 " J. C. Furman,

Rev. A. D. Gillette,
 " Jonathan Going,
 " William Hugue,
 " Benjamin M. Hill,
 " Jesse Hartwell,
 " S. P. Hill,
 " Addison Hall,
 " George B. Ide,
 " J. B. Jeter,
 " Henry Jackson,
 Wm. T. James,
 Rev. James H. Linsley,
 " William Laws,
 Hon. Heman Lincoln,
 Rev. Archibald Maclay,

Pardon Miller,
 Rev. E. L. Magoon,
 " George Northam,
 " Aaron Perkins,
 " John Peck,
 " Daniel Sharp,
 " Charles G. Sommers,
 " William Shadrach,
 " John Smitzer,
 Dr. William H. Turpin,
 Rev. J. B. Taylor,
 " Isaac Tinsley,
 " B. T. Welsh.

The Corresponding Secretary, brother B. M. Hill, read an abstract of the Annual Report of the Executive Committee.

The following resolutions were unanimously adopted.

1st. On motion of brother Smitzer of New-York, seconded by brother Jonathan Davis of Ga.

Resolved, That the Report, an abstract of which has just been read, be accepted and printed, under the direction of the Executive Committee.

2d. On motion of brother Johnson of South Carolina, seconded by brother Pratt of New-Hampshire.

Resolved, That we regard the Home Mission cause as vitally important in promoting evangelical religion throughout our own country, and increasing our ability to spread it abroad among other nations.

3d. On motion of brother Going of Ohio, seconded by brother Bennett of New-York,

Resolved, That in view of the encouraging success of the former efforts of the Society, and the large and increasing number of important places in the field of its operations now looking to it for aid; it is the duty, and should be regarded as the privilege of the churches to make special efforts to replenish its treasury without delay.

The above resolutions were sustained by very interesting and appropriate addresses by the different brethren presenting them.

Adjourned to meet on Wednesday morning, at 8 o'clock, in the Meeting-house of the Sharp-street church.

Benediction by brother Webb of New-Jersey.

In the evening, the Society assembled according to appointment when Dr. Chapin of D. C. preached the Annual Sermon from Rom. x. 1. "Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved." After which a collection was taken for the benefit of the Society, amounting to \$73 18.

Wednesday, April 28, 8 A. M.

The Society met agreeably to adjournment. Brother Brown of N. H. opened the meeting with prayer.

On motion, *Resolved*, That a Committee of seven be appointed to aid the Secretary in completing, as far as possible, the general summary of statistics, proposed by him to be embodied in the Appendix of the Annual Report for the present year; and also to suggest to our auxiliaries such plans for perfecting the future statistical returns of Associations and State Conventions in the United States as may be practicable; their report to be presented to the Executive Committee as early as possible.

Brethren Babcock, D. Benedict, Rhees, Thresher, O. B. Brown, Furman and Sands, were appointed as the Committee.

Resolved, That a copy of the Annual Sermon preached by Dr. Chapin last evening be requested for publication, under the direction of the Executive Committee.

On motion of brother J. N. Brown of New-Hampshire—

Resolved, That the serious and alarming fact that the increase of Christian piety does not keep pace with the rapid and desirable increase of the population of our country, demands more earnest prayer and more vigorous prosecution of the objects of the Home Mission Society.

Adjourned to meet at the call of the President. Prayer by brother Hartwell of Alabama.

Saturday, May 1, 9 A. M.

The Society met at the call of the President. Brother Grimsley of Virginia, offered prayer.

The Committee on nominations presented a Report recommending

that the Board of Officers and Managers of the Society, be elected by ballot. The Report was accepted, and in accordance with the recommendation, it was

Resolved, That the Society proceed to elect their Board of Officers and Managers by ballot.

Brethren Grimsley, Cookson, Pratt, Parker, Hartwell and Brown of D. C. were appointed tellers to receive and count the ballots.

Resolved, That the Executive Committee be authorized to defray the expense of printing the Annual Sermon, from the funds of the Society.

During the interval occupied by the tellers in counting the ballots, very interesting addresses upon the subject of Home Missions were made by brother Boyakin of Illinois, Johnson of S. C. Dodge of Pennsylvania, Finch of North Carolina, and J. Bradley of Virginia.

The tellers presented a list of names, as duly elected Officers and Managers of the Society for the ensuing year.

After which the Congregation united in singing the beautiful hymn, commencing

“Blest be the tie that binds,”

and the Society adjourned, brother Going of Ohio, leading in prayer.

Brother Dodge of Pennsylvania, pronounced the Benediction.

President.

HEMAN LINCOLN, of Boston, Massachusetts.

Vice-Presidents.

Joseph Wenham , Montreal, Canada	Joseph Miles , Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Henry Hoyle , "	William Crane , Baltimore, Maryland
Jarvis Ring , Nova Scotia	James Wilson , "
Hadley Proctor , China, Me.	I. Withers , District of Columbia
Josiah Quincy , Romney, New-Hampshire	Jesse Sneed , Elk Hill, Virginia
J. H. Cotton , Windsor, Vermont	V. M. Mason , "
N. H. Bottom , Shaftsbury, "	Thomas Meredith , Raleigh, North Carolina
James H. Duncan , Haverhill, Mass.	I. K. Griffin , South Carolina
Jonathan Bacheller , Lynn, "	Thomas Stocks , Greensboro, Georgia
George N. Briggs , "	Edward D. King , Marion, Alabama
John Dowling , Providence, Rhode Island	Thomas N. King , Mississippi
Albert Day , Hartford, Connecticut	Morgan Bryan , Louisiana
Spencer H. Cone , New-York	James H. Marshall , Tennessee
Friend Humphrey , Albany, New-York	C. Wingate , Kentucky
Benjamin Halsted , "	Jeremiah Vardeman , Missouri
William Winterton , "	B. F. Edwards , Illinois
Archibald Maclay , "	Jesse L. Holman , Aurora, Indiana
Peter P. Runyon , New-Brunswick, N. J.	Jonathan Going , Granville, Ohio
James Vanderpool , Newark, New-Jersey	H. K. Kendall , Elyria, Lorain County, O.
James M. Linnard , Philadelphia, Pa.	Luther D. Barker , Ohio
William Duncan , "	Caleb Eldrid , Michigan

BENJAMIN M. HILL, *Corresponding Secretary*, New-York.

JOSEPH J. COOKE, *Recording Secretary*. "

RUNYON W. MARTIN, *Treasurer*. "

JOHN R. LUDLOW, *Auditor*. "

Directors.

E. E. Cummings , Concord, N. H.	William Sym , Newark, New-Jersey
Elijah Hutchinson , East Windsor, Vt.	Daniel Dodge , Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
D. Packer , Mount Holly "	H. G. Jones , Lower Marion, "
Baron Stow , Boston, Massachusetts	J. H. Kennard , Philadelphia, "
Joel S. Bacon , Lynn, "	William G. Jones , Delaware
Lucius Bolles , Mass.	Stephen P. Hill , Baltimore, Maryland
Irah Chase , Newton Centre, Mass.	Stephen Chapin , Washington, D. C.
Ebenezer Nelson , "	J. B. Jeter , Richmond, Virginia
Francis Wayland, Jr. , Providence, R. I.	William B. Johnson , Edgefield, S. Carolina
J. C. Welch , Seekonk "	Richard Fuller , Beaufort, "
Alva Woods , Providence "	William T. Brantly , Charleston, "
James H. Linsley , Stratford, Conn.	Jesse Mercer , Washington, Georgia
Addison Parker , Danbury. "	Basil Manly , Tuscaloosa, Alabama
Nathaniel Kendrick , Hamilton, New-York	N. Rees , Mississippi
B. T. Welch , Albany, "	William Settle , Arkansas
John Smitzer , Fayetteville, "	R. B. C. Howell , Nashville, Tennessee
E. Tucker , Rochester, "	F. A. Willard , Louisville, Kentucky
Lewis Leonard , Cazenovia, "	W. F. Broadus , Lexington, "
Elon Galusha , Perry, "	R. T. Dillard , "
John Peck , New-Woodstock, "	T. P. Green , Cape Girardeau, Mo.
Elisha Hayward , Buffalo, "	J. M. Peck , Rock Spring, Illinois
John Cookson , Troy, "	Thomas Powell , Vermillionville, Illinois
Rufus Babcock, Jr. , Poughkeepsie, "	T. R. Cressy , Columbus, Ohio
John C. Harrison , Bordentown, N. J.	S. W. Lynd , Cincinnati. "
G. S. Webb , New-Brunswick, "	John Booth , Michigan

MEETING OF OFFICERS AND LIFE DIRECTORS.

Immediately after the adjournment of the Society, a meeting of the Officers and Life Directors assembled at the call of the President, and according to the provisions of the Constitution, proceeded to elect an Executive Committee, to transact the business of the Society the ensuing year. Their names are as follow, viz :

Executive Committee.

SPENCER H. CONE, *Chairman.*

CHARLES G. SOMMERS,

GEORGE BENEDICT,

JACOB H. BROUNER,

WM. R. WILLIAMS,

SILAS ILLSLEY,

AARON PERKINS,

WILLIAM W. EVERTS,

WILLIAM COLGATE,

WILLIAM WINTERTON,

JOHN A. MILLER,

JAMES H. TOWNSEND,

ROGER PEGG.

BENJAMIN M. HILL,
JOSEPH J. COOKE,
RUNYON W. MARTIN,
JOHN R. LUDLOW, } *Ex-Officio.*

The transactions of this Anniversary, and the spirit evinced by all present, offered convincing evidence that the cause of Home Missions is taking deep root in the affections of the churches and ministers, and good reason to believe that the future operations of the Society will be extended much beyond former limits.

S. J. DRAKE, *Secretary pro tem.*

NINTH REPORT.

Another year has passed away with all its appropriate events, embracing those in which we as a Society are concerned, and in the tendency of which we are now assembled on this important anniversary.

The Executive Committee in meeting the occasion, and offering their Ninth Annual Report, are solemnly impressed with the recollection of their accountability to the Society and to God ; and though they feel confident of having exerted themselves to discharge, faithfully, the duties of their important trust. in view of their liability to err, they would, in rendering to the Society this account of their stewardship, rely upon the candor of their brethren ; while, in reviewing their labors with reference to the final tribunal, they cast themselves upon the forbearance of the Judge of all the earth.

DEATHS.

It is cause of sincere gratitude to the Father of Mercies, that the lives of all your Committee have been preserved, though they have been called to mourn on account of the death of brethren John B. Halsted, a Vice-President, and Robert T. Daniel, one of the Directors of the Society.

In this dispensation of Divine Providence, your Committee are again reminded of the great uncertainty of human life, and feel themselves placed under renewed obligations to do what their hands find to do with all their might, knowing that in the grave there is no mission work, nor device in behalf of their perishing fellow men.

RECORDING SECRETARY.

Unforeseen circumstances prevented brother H. Leonard, who, at the last anniversary, was appointed Recording Secretary, from serving the Society in that capacity longer than two months ; but your Committee are happy in having secured as his successor, brother Joseph J. Cooke, whose efficient assistance has facilitated the business of their monthly meetings.

THE AUXILIARY SYSTEM.

During the past year, an attempt was made to systematize the operations of the Executive Committee with the auxiliaries of the Society. This, on account of the great extent of territory assigned to the Society; and the local necessities and policy of many of the auxiliaries, has been attended with some difficulty. But the plan has been sufficiently matured to justify its publication and distribution among the churches and ministers in all the states.

Immediately after its adoption the Committee commenced acting on its principles. They are happy to add that, so far as they have had opportunity of ascertaining, it proves satisfactory to all concerned.

Its principal object is to identify the interests of the Society with those of all its auxiliaries. To promote this desirable object, it is proposed to render the interchange of information between them frequent; to invest the Board of Managers of each auxiliary with the prerogative of nominating all persons residing within their territory whom it is desirable to appoint as missionaries, and superintending the operations of those missionaries, and all others sent among them by the Society; and requiring of them in return a careful supervision of the Society's interests within their borders, and prompt reports of their own local operations.

It is hoped that the practical effect of this plan will be conducive to the establishment of the churches, the strengthening of the auxiliaries, the combination of all our domestic missionary bodies in the system; and the further enlargement of Christ's kingdom.

PUBLICATIONS.

An edition of 4000 copies of the last Annual Report was printed and distributed.

It is intended that future editions shall contain the Statistical Tables, and other important matter which may be furnished in the Annual Reports of all auxiliary bodies, thus rendering it additionally valuable for reference.*

After the death of brother L. Crawford, late Corresponding Secretary of the Society, the publication of the Quarterly Paper

* The last Annual Reports of several auxiliaries contain such tables, and they are copied into this number of ours.

It is respectfully requested that all the state auxiliaries will adopt measures to obtain and print the statistical tables of the associations within their respective territories, and that the post-office address of each minister may be stated. Those whose names thus appear, will be supplied with a copy of the Reports and quarterly papers of the Society if possible.

was suspended. It has been resumed during the past year, the Committee believe, with sufficiently beneficial results to justify the measure. Three numbers of 4000 copies each have been published and gratuitously distributed among the friends of the Society.

FINANCIAL OPERATIONS.

At the last anniversary, the aggregate amount of receipts into the treasury was \$17,334 29. This sum, though greater by \$6,555 20, than we are able to report at this time, was much less than the necessities of the Executive Committee required. Since then applications for aid have been increasing in number and importance.

The Committee have withheld aid from none on whom they could consistently bestow it, but it should be known that they have felt imperatively called upon to exercise the strictest caution in graduating their appropriations by the prospects of actual income. The amount of these appropriations is \$15,339 88.

It is some consolation to know that by this course, they have avoided the necessity of asking relief from threatening liabilities, but it is in no sense pleasant to reflect upon the consequent destitution for which it was desirable to have provided supplies, especially in some places of the greatest importance in the land—places which must now suffer a continuance of destitution, and whose imploring cries for aid can, at present, meet no favorable response from us.

By the Treasurer's Report it appears that on the 15th instant, the receipts for the previous twelve months were \$10,779 09: being \$4,560 79 less than the appropriations, and there were in his hands \$6,214 87. But the amount of the Society's liabilities at the same date was \$10,813 81, making the balance against us \$4598 94, and showing the necessity of increased liberality on the part of all those who desire the prosperity of Home Missions.

MISSIONARY OPERATIONS.

The following table* shows the number of agents and missionaries sustained by the Society and its auxiliaries, and the amount of labor reported by them.

An asterisk (*) denotes those who received their appointment directly from the Society.

* In the construction of the table, several parallel columns are added to those formerly prepared, in some of which but little is reported this year. They are now inserted to show what is wanted to render our reports of missionary operations more interesting and useful. All our auxiliaries are respectfully requested to have similar tables prepared for their Annual Reports; or at least, to furnish us the information for which the columns are designed; as in doing so, they will facilitate the future operations of the Executive Committee, and it is believed, those of the auxiliaries themselves. Each missionary can, with very little trouble, report the requisite labor; and understanding that it is requisite, in many instances it will be found a valuable guide to effort.

Agents and Missionaries.	RESIDENCE.			Date of Com- mission.	FIELDS OF LABOR.	No. inmates labor reported	No. inmates labor for preaching	No. persons preached	No. personal visits.	No. bills traveled.	Baptized	Assist by inter- missional	Believers in Sunday School	People in Bible classes	Vols. in library.
	Town or Post Office.	County.	State.												
*Otis Briggs	Hampden	Penobscot	Me	May 17, 1840	Agent in North Carolina	12	104	45		3200	12		30	30	
*Josiah Talbot.	Limerick	York	do	do 1st	Limerick	12	11	134		150	12		30		
J. S. Smith	Palermo		do		Mission. Agt for the State	12	15								
E. W. Cressy			do		do	12	15								
J. Baldwin			Vt.		Minerant in the State	12	15			200	200				
Wm. Grant			do			12	15								
*H. A. Wilcox	Providence	Providence	R. I.	Oct 15, 1838	Mission. Agt. for the South	6									
Thomas Tew	E. Greenwich		do	Nov. 3, 1840	E. Greenwich & N. Kingston	12	4	50		3300	15				
W. L. Brown	Bristol		do		Bristol						15				
D. M. Burdick			do		Fiskville and Arkwright						15		80		
B. P. Bryam			do		Vally Falls						15		70		
John Reed			do		Warwick and E. Greenwich						15		200		
J. H. Baker			do		Richmond and Charlestown						15		35		
			Ms		Amherst						15		80		
Nath. Hervey			do		Andover						15				
E. Hale			do		Ashfield						15				
			do		Billerica						15				
J. G. Warren			do		Chabotville						15				
			do		Leicester						15				
D. Goddard, Jr.			do		Leninister						15				
D. Round, Jr.			do		Nantucket						15				
A. Brown and	D. Wright		do		Northampton						15				
			do		Northborough						15				
Jno Lord			do		E. Randolph						15				
			do		Southborough						15				
B. Pease			do		W. Bridgewater						15				

Agents and Missionaries.	RESIDENCE.			Date of Commission.	MONTHS' SERVICE REPORTED.	Miles Traveled.	Baptized.	Added by Letter.	Temp. Preaching obtained.	Schools in charge.	Tracts in Bible obtained.	Value in Library.
	Town or Post Office.	County.	State.									
J. B. Wilkins	Coxsackie	Greene	N. Y.	June, 1840	12	4	1	2		711		200
B. F. Robins	Cuba Village	Allegany	do	June, 1840	12	4				60		
E. A. Hadley	Delmar	Pa	do	April, 1840	11	4	17	9		60		
Adrian Foot	Dix & Orange	Steuben	do		12	6	24	9		60		100
	Ellicottville	Cattaraugus	do	Sept. 1839	12	12	0	9				
	Ellington	Chautauque	do	Oct. 1839	12							
J. H. Walden	Essex Village	Essex	do	Oct. 1839	12	12	54	17		75		150
	Farmersville	Cattaraugus	do	Oct. 1839	12							
	1st Bainbridge	Chenango	do	Oct. 1839	12	6	8	2		25		60
H. A. Smith	1st Burlington	Otsego	do	June, 1840	12	4	4	3		20		150
H. Spencer	1st Canaan	Columbia	do	May, 1839	12	6	2	2				
E. Miner	1st Greenfield	Saratoga	do	Oct. 1839	12	6	5	1				
D. T. Hill	Franklinville	Dutchess	do	July, 1839	12	10	14	3		25		50
W. Tillinghast	Franklinville	Cattaraugus	do	Oct. 1839	12	12	2	3		60		75
	Freedom	Cattaraugus	do	June, 1840	11							
P. Woodin	Fulton	Oswego	do	May, 1840	12	4	4	10		25		60
A. R. Wells	Glenns Falls	Warren	do	June, 1839	12	12	11	11		25	10	50
David Corwin	Gloversville	Fulton	do	Oct. 1839	12	12	9	4		45		50
C. Daryl	Greene Village	Chenango	do	May, 1839	12	12	12	20		55		100
T. Duffee	Hamden	Delaware	do	June, 1839	6	6						
R. F. Robins	Hume	Allegany	do	April, 1839	12	6	3	3		30		50
R. G. Lewis	Jersey	Steuben	do	April, 1840	11	6	8	6		60		75
J. Haughwout	Jersey City		N. J.	June, 1839	12	12	22	9		70	15	100
Isaac Lawton	Kinderhook	Columbia	N. Y.	Dec. 1839	12	6	4	4		60		90
David Morris	Kingston	Ulster	do	June, 1840	12	4	19	6		60		
A. Kenyon	Lakeville	Washington	do	June, 1839	12	6	11	1				
C. E. Wilson	Lansing & Genoa	Cayuga	do	April, 1839	11	6						

N.Y.	Chatanque	N.Y.
A. C. Bartell	Laonia	do
N. N. Ward	Lebanon Springs	do
J. Boardman	Leon	do
J. Brant	Liberty	Pa
O. Wilbur	Lowville	N.Y.
N. Baker	Lyns	do
O. Bennett	McDonough	do
E. T. Jacobs	New-Berlin	do
	North Rutland	do
	Nichols	do
D. M. Root	Norwich, Smith's	Pa.
W. Sawyer	Orango	N.J.
J. Beetham	Parish	N.Y.
D. Terry	Pellenville	do
A. S. Cantiss	Perrysburgh	do
	Phillipstown	do
David James	Phoenix	do
Peter Witt	Piermont	do
A. W. Timb	Pillar Point	do
A. Lawton	Pompey	do
O. C. Wheeler	Portageville	do
	Port Byron	do
B. Knapp	Port Jervis	do
B. Barrett	Preston	do
G. Bosh, L. Peck	Pultney	do
J. S. Chapman	Randolph	do
A. Frink	Rensselaer, Berne	do
R. Wiegand, jr	Richville	do
J. B. Dremmond	Richmondville	do
W. Covey	Royalton	do
J. S. Parsons	Sandy Creek	do
Philo Forbes	Saugerties	do
H. S. Wheeler	Secaucus	do
Henry Davis	2nd Buffalo	do
W. C. Mouree		do

Feb. 1839	12	3	9	1	40	20	100
Oct. 1839	12	12	4	1			
May, 1839	12	6	1				
Oct. 1839	6		37	6	50		100
June, 1839	12	9	67	13	40		60
Feb. 1840	12	12	2	4	30		50
June, 1839	12	12	7	10	35	20	100
May, 1839	12	12	16	10	40		100
June 1, 1839	12	12	15	5	30	20	90
May, 1839	12	6	2		30		129
Oct. 1839	12	12	6	2	30		50
June, 1839	12	12			20	15	
May, 1840	6	3					
May, 1840	6	3					
Feb. 1840	6	3					
Oct. 1839	12	12					
March, 1839	12	12	1				
June, 1839	12	6	2		50		100
Sept. 1839	12	12	1		40		60
Oct. 1839	12	12	12	4	30	30	60
Oct. 1839	12	6	14	4	40		75
April, 1839	12	6	5	4	30		60
May 1, 1839	12	6	3	14	20		50
Oct. 1839	12	12	3	3			
Feb. 1839	12	6	2	2			
May, 1839	12	12	47	9	40		0
Oct. 1839	12	12					
June, 1839	6	6					
June, 1840	12	4			40	15	75
June, 1839	12	8	6				
May, 1840	12	6	3	7	25	10	158
April, 1839	12	12	2	1			

Agents and Ministries.	RESIDENCE.			Date of Com- mission.	Months Com. Reported.	Months labor Reported.	First preach- ing.	Grosses Preached.	Pastoral visits.	Miles traveled.	Baptized.	Added by List.	Term, pl. disc. dismissed.	Bible in S. S. classes.	People in Bible classes.	Vols. in Library.
	Town or Post Office.	County.	State.													
E. Davison	2nd Lysander	Onondaga	N.Y.	Oct. 1839	12	12					531			40	20	106
A. Sherwood	2nd Lyale	Bromes	do	April, 1840	6	5					1					
W. Holroyd	2nd Sulon	Cortland	do	May, 1839	12	12					2					
D. B. Crane	Sidney	Delaware	do	June, 1839	12	12					6					
James Amner	Sidney & Unadilla	Delaware	do	June, 1839	12	12					2					
Henry Bowen	Sparta	Livingston	do	Oct. 1839	12	12					5			40	20	106
James Amner	South Franklin	Delaware	do	June, 1839	6	6					1					
R. Cherriman	South Rushford Br.	Alleghany	do	Oct. 1839	6	6					2					
James Gibbs	South Virgil	Cortland	do	May, 1840	12	6										
— Nobles	South Creek		Pa.	April, 1840	12	6										
R. Z. Williams	Steuben	Oneida	N.Y.	March, 1840	6	3					9			20		
V. R. Waters	Trenton Falls	Oneida	do	May, 1839	12	12					24	10				
D. W. Litchfield	Triangle	Bromes	do	Oct. 1839	12	12					17	11				
Stephen Stiles	Tompkins	Delaware	do	June, 1839	12	12					4	3				
Tracy Scuts	Ullyses	Potter	Pa.	Oct. 1839	6	7					2	2				
A. Sherwood	Union	Bromes	N.Y.	Oct. 1839	6	3					18	4				
Albert Gale	Virgil Village	Cortland	do	April, 1839	12	6					21	4				
J. Duncan and	Waterford	Saratoga	do	May, 1840	12	12										
H. H. Ruess				Oct. 1840	12	12										
M. Rowley	Waterloo	Seneca	do	Oct. 1839	12	12					13	1		25	60	
J. S. Ladd	Wendaport	Cayuga	do	Oct. 1839	12	12					8	7		40	26	190
R. C. Palmer	Whethersfield	Genesee	do	Oct. 1839	12	12					7	8				
J. S. C. F. Frey	Williamsburgh	Kings	do	Dec. 1839	12	12					5	13				
E. Kimball	Wilseyville	Tioga	do	May, 1839	12	6					10					
D. Chittenden	Wulcott	Wayne	do	Jan. 1840	12	6										
J. W. Parker	Bradford, Luzerne		Pa.	Oct. 1839	12	12					29					
W. K. Mott	Lackawana Valley		do	Oct. 1839	12	12					11			247/143	319/336	

Name	Allegany	N.Y.	Date	No.	Value
J. Nickerson	Tioga, Brad	N.Y.	Nov. 1839	3	46 100
J. R. Burdick	Jefferson	P.	Oct. 1839	12	214 783
A. Wedge		N.Y.	Jan. 1839	12	150 200
M.M. Coleman	Cattaraugus Assoc.	do	Oct. 1839	6	82 145
D.S. Twiss	Black Rock & vic.	do	Oct. 1839	12	150
I. J. Brown	Pembroke	do	May, 1839	12	151 200
J. Wilson	Harmony Assoc.	do	Oct. 1839	12	160 150
J.C. Stoddard	Harmony Assoc.	do	May, 1840	6	44 191
T. Stokes		do	Oct. 1839	12	53 60
J. Miller	Dexter	do	June, 1840	3	40 20
V.R. Wall	Canisteo Valley	do	Oct. 1839	12	
J.I. Whitman	Depauville	do	May, 1839	2	
J. Cusick	Tuscarora Indians	do	Oct. 1839	12	200
W. Baumer-	German population.	do			
ister	N. Y. & vicinity	do			
*W. Sym	Newark	N.J.	June, 1839	0	12
C Brinkerhoff	Newton	do	Mar. 9, 1841	2	
W. Sheppard		do		6	
J. R. Stone		do		3	
J. M. Church		do	July 1, 1840	12	
J. Bonzer		do		54	
do		do		2	
J. Smith		do		44	
D. P. Perdue		do		2	
J. Spencer		do			
J.S. Eisenbrej		do			
W. H. Turton		do			
E. D. Fendall		do			
J. Spencer		do			
W. Ruddy		do			
J. B. Case		do		5	
J. M. Courtney		do			
G P Raodolph		do		12	
		do		12	

Agents and Missionaries.	RESIDENCE.			FIELDS OF LABOR.	Date of Commission.	Months Com.	Months labor Reported.	Stat. preach.	Sermons Preachd.	Pastoral visits	Miles travell'd.	Baptized.	Added by Let	T. em. pledges obtained.	Schols. in S S	Pupils in Bible classes.	Vols. in Libry
	Town or Post Office.	County.	State.														
Layman Jones			Ten	Itinerant in the State	Sept. 1, 1839	5	3		125			45					
T. W. Haynes			do	do													
R. Anderson			do	do					56		2290						
S. W. Day			do	do					56		2290						
T. Wright			do	do					44								
Thos. Faqua			do	do	gratuitous	2	14		31		1300						
R. B. C. Howell	Nashville		do	do			14										
Wm. Cate			do	do			4					38					
Wm. Ballue			do	do			14					20					
J. C. Senter			do	do					150		1815	9					
D. Halliburton			do	do					140		2000	25					
J. C. Martin			do	do					51		521	33					
M. C. Span			do	do					85		550	3					
*F. A. Willard	Louisville		Ky.	Louisville	May 1, 1840	12	11		151		200	1	5		84		300
*J. T. Robert	Covington		do	Covington	July 1, 1840	12	6		80		150	12	17		80		70
A. Taylor			do	Gaspar River Association								200					300
J. D. Black			do	do													
W. W. Ford			do	do													
A. G. Curry			do	do													
C. Lovelace			do	do													
R. Rutherford			do	do													
G. Mathews			do	do					163		2165						
J. S. Higgins			do	Agent for the State	Mar. 1, 1840												
*A. Broadus	St. Francisville		Mo.	Miss. Agt. for Southern Dis.	Oct. 1, 1839	12	6		120		1300	49	7				
*H. M. Smith	Potosi	Washington	do	St. Francisville	April 1, 1841	12	9		200		2000	16					
*B. Clarke			do	do	Jan. 13, 1841	12	9		20		258						
*P. Williams	Perryville	Perry	do	do	Mar. 1, 1840	12	11		2134		1200	97					

Cooper	Mo.	Lexington and vicinity	April 1, 1840	12	162	3250	3				
*Kemp Scott	do	Pisgah	Jan. 1, 1841	12	375	1800	122				
*A. P. Williams	Ill.	Lexington	July 4, 1840	9	76	55	128	5			
*R. Kimball	do	Upper Alton	Jan. 28, 1841	10	242	1923	128	15	360	15	300
*Joel Sweet	do	Manchester	Oct. 16, 1839	6							
*J. D. Newall	do	Bloomington	April 1, 1840	12	90	500	45				
*Thos. Powell	do	Vermillionville	Mar. 1, 1840	12	6107	1199	43	11	7		
*R. P. Gentry	do	Pirrus P. O.	May 1, 1840	12							
*Joel Wheeler	do	Quincy	July 26, 1840	6	73	216		2	30	15	
*E. C. Brown	do	Salem	Oct. 1, 1840	12	2124	191200	10	3	50	40	10
*W. F. Boyakin	do	Manchester	Oct. 30, 1840	6	191	397	2802	84			
*Jacob Bower	do	Coral P. O.	Oct. 1, 1840	12	43	409	1	10	6		
*Jesse Marvin	do	Galena	Oct. 15, 1840	12							
*W. B. Morey	do	Galena	Oct. 12, 1840	12							
*J. Lemen	do	Collinsville	Nov. 1, 1841	12							
*R. Weston	do	Carthage									
E. Dodson	do	Edwardsville Association			104	1500					
Jas. Lemen	do	Trav. Agt. So. Dist. Asso.		11	250	1000	30				
G. Stacey	do	Saline Association									
P. Hagler	do										
S. Kennedy	do										
G. W. Ruley	do	Wabash country Ill. & Ind.			177	2064	27				
Thos. Taylor	do	Bloomfield Association			220	1900	20				
*Wm. Miller	do	The last three grat. Intin'ta.									
*John Jones	do	Connersville and vicinity	Apr. 15, 1840	12	159	802	45				
*Peter Webb	do	Hendrix county	June 5, 1840	11							
*W. M. Pratt	do	Tippecanoe Association	July 1, 1840	12							
*Jas. Martin	do	Crawfordsville and vicinity	April 6, 1840	12	137	1000	7	8			
*R. Coffey	do	Northern Association	July 27, 1840	12	214	2055	10				
*D. Palmer	do	Bloomington Association	Nov. 22, 1840	11	2244	1190	43	14	250	50	100
*John Hill	do	Switzerland county	Dec. 1, 1840	11							
*Wm. Cox	do	Coffee Creek Church	Oct. 31, 1840	12	73	649	6	8			
*A. R. Hinkley	do	Fort Wayne and vicinity	Oct. 1, 1840	12							
*M. Hume	do	Franklin									
*Jacob Bailey	do	Hopewell Church									
	Ohio	Richmond City & Painesville	Oct. 15, 1839	12	34		1		40		150

Agents Ministries.	RESIDENCE.			FIELDS OF LABOR.	Date of Com- mission.	Months Com- pleted.	Months labor reported.	Dist. preach.	Sermons Preached.	Miles traveled.	Baptized.	Added by Let.	Tem. pledges obtained.	Schols. in B. S. classes.	Pupils in Bible classes.	Vol. in Libry
	Town or Post Office.	County.	State.													
*T. P. Hughes	Granville	Portage	Ohio	Itin. among Welsh populat'n	Jan. 1, 1841	12	9		199	1583	30		30			
*S. R. Willard	Bedford		do	Bedford and vicinity	do do	12	12		154	504	39	15	130	50	50	100
*T. R. Cressy	Columbus		do	Columbus	April 8, 1841	12	12		200	300	25	16		213	10	200
*O. N. Sage	Massillon		do	Massillon	June 1, 1840	12	3		33		11					
*L. Bloomer	Mansfield		do	Mansfield & Lowdenville	Sept. 1, 1840	12	11	2	293	30	16			100	20	50
*L. Whitney	West Union	Adams	do	West Union & vicinity	Nov. 1, 1840	12	4		33	230	26	6				
*E. C. Hawley	Charleston	Lorain	do	Charleston	Nov. 4, 1840	12	3		30	123						
*J. O. Birdsall	Perrysburgh		do	Perrysburgh & Maumee City	Dec. 1, 1840	12	3	2	41	152						
*S. B. Page	Massillon		do	Massillon & vicinity	Oct. 1, 1840	12	6		70	78		3		100	14	
*S. B. Webster	Norwalk	Huron	do	Norwalk & vicinity	Oct. 1, 1840	12										
*J. L. Moore			do	Dayton and Miami Valley					240		12			60		
*S. Tucker			do	Elyria					141	846	15			100		
*S. B. Webster			do	Monroeville					236		4					
E. Crane			do	McCounsleville			15									
Wm. White			do	Bucyrus			6									
S. Van Voorhis			do	Akron			5		40							
B. Beckwith			do	Mount Vernon			12		100							
J. Corwin			do	Medina												
E. A. Clark			do	do												
F. R. Freeman			do	Johnstown, Licking county			12									
D. H. Mason			do	Sunbury, Delaware county			6									
H. Gear			do	Marietta	April 3, 1839	12	12	3	300		17					
J. K. Brownson			do	Circleville	Mar. 1, 1839	10	10		100							
Z. Eaton			do	Troy	do do									30		
Wm. Chaffee			do	Findlay, Hancock county	Sep. 15, 1839		6		144							
P. Kelsey			do	Delaware and Worthington	Jan. 1840											
D. E. Thomas			do	Newark							57					

OTHER PARTICULARS OF AGENTS' AND MISSIONARIES' LABORS.

AGENTS.

John Peck, General Agent.—His appointment to this important and responsible station was renewed immediately after the last anniversary, and he has been unremittingly engaged in the performance of its duties throughout the year. During that period he has visited about half of the states in the union, more especially in the south and southwestern sections of it, and though enfeebled in health and subjected to much exposure, he has persevered, enduring fatigue and toil requiring the strength and energy of youth.

His services have been important and beneficial; explaining the principles of the Society's operations in its auxiliary relation with missionary bodies; strengthening the bonds of union among the churches; and laying the foundation for enlarged operations in future. It is believed that the good results of his agency will continue to be developed for years to come.

Roswell Kimball is engaged in an agency of much importance, under the direction of the Convention of Illinois. Many causes have been in operation to render the people of this state, in common with others at the west, far less liberal in supporting the institutions of religion than their necessities require. In general the ministers of the gospel have been neglected and compelled to divide their attention between spiritual and secular concerns, so that their influence and usefulness have been greatly neutralized. At present, however, the churches begin to realize their error in this respect, and are in a state of transition which promises much for their future prosperity.

With a view of aiding this important work, brother Kimball was appointed, and has succeeded to as great an extent as could be expected. Many churches through his instrumentality have made comfortable provision for their pastors, and thereby saved them the necessity of seeking aid from missionary funds, or employing their time in secular engagements. The effect is evidently good: those churches discover their present superior advantages, and already reap a more abundant harvest of spiritual good.

Otis Briggs has been, with the exception of a few weeks, employed the past year in North Carolina, and a portion of South Carolina. The prosecution of his agency has been, to him, attended with unusual discouragements; arising from the financial embarrassments still existing in the southern states, and from other causes. Notwithstanding all which his success in collecting funds, and the service he has in various ways rendered to the cause has been satisfactory to the Committee.

Reuben Winchell is our Missionary Agent for the State of Missouri. This is an important agency : having in view the exploration of a distant portion of the field, and the arrangement of a plan of future operations, which it is hoped will result in great good to the churches and people of that state. As far as we have heard from brother Winchell, he is successfully prosecuting the objects of his appointment.

William Parkinson performed an agency of several weeks in Maryland and Ohio in a satisfactory manner, and without expense to the Society.

H. A. Wilcox was appointed as Missionary Agent, in a portion of the states of South Carolina and Georgia, having in view ultimately a missionary station at New-Orleans, or Texas. He had been engaged but a short time in the duties of his agency, when the interests of the Society seeming to require his labors at his ultimate destination, he was directed to proceed with all possible despatch to Texas, unless the providence of God should indicate his duty to remain in New-Orleans. An unexpected event, however, induced him to accept an invitation to visit the church at Mobile, where, having resigned his commission from the Society, he is now laboring.

Wm. M. Tryon was appointed with nearly the same objects in view ; and after devoting a short time in making collections in Alabama, proceeded by the way of New-Orleans to Texas, where he arrived in the month of January, and at the last advices was occupied in missionary labors at Independence and Washington, in that republic.

James Huckins, during a portion of the year 1839—40, was acting as agent in the republic of Texas, where he travelled extensively, and obtained much valuable information respecting the moral condition and prospects of the people, and various other interests essential to the commencement of missionary operations there. The results of his observations have been communicated to the churches through the medium of the periodicals, and especially by himself, from the pulpit, on many public occasions during a recent visit to the United States. His agency was very beneficial in various respects.

Marvin Allen has been recently appointed Agent in the State of Michigan, and is probably engaged in the performance of his important duties.

William Sym kindly accepted an agency for a few weeks in the State of New-Jersey, but the results of his labors have not yet been communicated to us.

MISSIONARIES.

MAINE.—**Josiah Tilton, Limerick**, has, without interruption, ministered to the church as its pastor ; and extended his labors

into some of the adjoining towns. The effects have been various, but, on the whole, encouraging.

PENNSYLVANIA.—*Tobias Pinkham, Tioga.* This appointment took effect but recently. The church in this place is feeble, having been destitute of a pastor several years. It is hoped that the labors of brother Pinkham in their behalf will prove advantageous.

DELAWARE.—*John P. Thompson* labors in an extensive field; bestowing his attention with untiring zeal upon a scattered population, who are, in many respects, like sheep without a shepherd. The anti-mission spirit prevails to a great extent in the region he occupies, but he thinks it is gradually declining. On one occasion he wrote; "Our Congregations are generally good. I have comfort in visiting families, and there I sometimes find that the word I have been permitted to dispense has been blest to souls."

MARYLAND.—*Joseph Mettam, Pikesville and vicinity.* His ministry has been, during a considerable portion of the year, attended with the divine blessing. His letters always indicate the warmest sympathy in his heart towards that portion of Maryland where he labors, and which he speaks of as having been long neglected. During a part of the year his labors were interrupted by severe sickness.

Nathaniel I. Wilburn occupies a field of great extent on the eastern shore, and marked by some peculiarities of a forbidding character; still, in his estimation, and that of others in Maryland, it is one that should receive his attention. In the midst of a population inclining to antinomianism, are a few weak and feeble churches struggling against the current of opposition. To these he is endeavoring to break the bread of life with constancy, faithfulness, and boldness. In one of his letters he informs us that he has commenced a meeting at the house of an old man of infidel sentiments, who, with his wife, desired him to make it a weekly appointment. Previous to this the aged pair had scarcely ever attended a meeting for public worship, and had reared a large family around them in utter neglect of religious things.

VIRGINIA.—*Benjamin Holden* has been three years at his present station. Has reason to be grateful to God for the success which has attended his efforts. When he first entered upon the duties of his appointment, the morals of the people needed much improvement; it being customary for many of them to desecrate the Lord's day in an open manner, hunting, gaming, &c. But now these same people reverence that day; are attendants upon public worship, and numbers of them are disciples of Jesus Christ.

R. H. Sedwick has occupied his post at Wheeling but a short time. The church in this place has been in a very feeble state for some years, and at the time of his appointment was almost extinct. Some trials of long standing in it have been removed, and

several persons have been recently added by baptism and letter. We hope for enduring good results.

MISSISSIPPI.—*John Micou, Jun.* This missionary divides his labors between two churches in Winston County. The people were formerly unfriendly to missions, and but for the aid of this Society he would have been compelled long since to abandon the place. During the past season one of the churches to which he ministers enjoyed a revival, when about forty persons were added to it by baptism. The meeting houses in which he preaches are built of logs, very open and comfortless, and consequently his congregations in winter are small; but a private family where he holds one of his stated meetings, are now preparing a better place for the purpose. In one of his letters he says; "let me thank the Committee for the aid they have afforded me in laboring to support that cause which is the source of all my comfort in this life, and the ground upon which I rest my hope of happiness hereafter."

ARKANSAS.—*William B. Karr* prosecutes his ministry amidst many difficulties and trials. His success upon the whole is encouraging, and there is reason to hope he will be instrumental of good to the people of his charge.

Benjamin Hawkins supplies three churches. His reports show that he is industrious and usefully engaged.

TENNESSEE.—*Jacob Browning* supplied four churches in Benton and Henry Counties, until September 8, 1840, when his appointment ceased. His report of labors has not reached us.

Thomas B. Ripley, Murfreesboro. Recently appointed.

KENTUCKY.—*F. A. Willard*, pastor of the church in Louisville. This church is an active, self-denying body. Though few in numbers, and of comparatively slender means, they have erected a neat and substantial house of worship, and are gradually receiving accessions to their congregation of an encouraging nature. During the first nineteen months after their organization, they raised among themselves, for the accomplishment of their religious purposes, no less than \$5000.

J. T. Robert, has occupied his post at Covington but a short time; yet he has witnessed changes in the condition and prospects of our denomination of a cheering nature. Divisions have been healed; union has been effected, and the cause strengthened. Our friends there are erecting a house of worship, but owing to the embarrassments of the times, their progress in this desirable work is slow. In his last report he says; "our prospects have never been more encouraging than they are at present."

MISSOURI.—*Andrew Broaddus, Jun. St. Francisville.* During two years, he has acted under the appointment of the Society, and extended his labors even to the territory of Iowa. At first every thing was discouraging. The only Baptist church

in that region was at St. Francisville. The community was absorbed in worldly pursuits, and unaccustomed to sustain the institutions of religion. But revivals of religion have taken place; churches have been constituted, and meeting houses have been built in the region round about. In his last letter, dated November 6, 1840, he speaks of the state of religion throughout the whole northern region of Missouri as being of an extraordinary character, and requiring his attention constantly.

In addition to all which, he informed the Committee that it was no longer necessary for him to request aid of the Society. In returning his warmest acknowledgments for the assistance granted he says; "by means of it I have been enabled to devote myself to the work of the ministry, and the brethren here, seeing my determination, have gradually become convinced of their own duty to sustain me."

Hiram M. Smith itinerates in a very extensive range of country, and the statistical table shows that he has been industrious. His instructions did not reach him till near the termination of his appointment, and therefore communicated with the Committee but once.

Benjamin Clark has labored about a year in Cape Girardeau County, but under unfavorable circumstances, caused by the different views entertained in the Cape Girardeau Association on the subject of missions. During the past year, however, a new association has been organized, and the prospects of usefulness are more favorable.

Peter Williams has experienced the same difficulties as brother Clark. Revivals of religion however, attended his labors, in which many conversions occurred. Until his occupancy of that field many people in that region had never heard Baptist preaching; but having attended his ministry they were induced to examine the Bible attentively, and ultimately united with the Baptist church. The organization of the New Cape Girardeau Association offers facilities for the greater success of this devoted missionary.

Kemp Scott supplies four churches in Cooper County, and we believe, is active and useful. Speaking of his circuit he says, in one of his letters; "we are sometimes obliged to endanger our lives by crossing the wide prairies in the winter season to meet our appointments, but I trust in the Lord, and try to do the best I can, believing I shall be sustained."

In a recent tour he was greatly encouraged by a revival of religion which attended his labors.

A. P. Williams has experienced many of the trials common to our new western settlements. Among them he mentions those which arise from an ignorant ministry. These however are disappearing. Ministers of intelligence are now occupying many of the pulpits, and few others are encouraged by the churches.

He has been often blest with "times of refreshing from the presence of the Lord," and now, everywhere around him perceives the advance of truth and righteousness.

He has recently accepted the invitation of the church in Lexington to become their pastor, but is still under our patronage. His labors with this church have been much blest. Nearly 100 were added to it by baptism during the past year; a new brick meeting house, capable of seating 1000 persons has been erected, and probably, after this year they will be able to furnish him his entire support.

ILLINOIS.—*Joel Sweet* labors in the Springfield Association, where he has been constantly employed visiting the churches of that body, and conducting protracted meetings. Much success has attended his labors.

Isaac D. Newell. On the 16th October, 1840, the appointment of this missionary expired; since which he has been sustained by the church at Bloomington. During his engagement as our missionary, he was active, and accomplished much for the cause within the bounds of the McLean Association. When he first entered the work about three years ago, there was but one church of seven members in this vicinity. There are now twelve, consisting of about 400 members, all of which are disposed to engage in benevolent operations. In the production of this happy change he has borne an honorable and industrious part.

Thomas Powell preaches in Vermillionville, Granville, Magnolia, and occasionally in Ottawa. God has abundantly blest his labors, especially in the Rock River Country. But as reports of them have been published at length heretofore, it is unnecessary to say more than that his field is an important one, and he is cultivating it to good advantage.

R. P. Gentry labors in the Clear Creek Association. In his report of June 1, 1840, he says; "I have visited six churches; five of which have shared in a revival of religion which existed in that region." He meets the usual treatment from the anti-mission portion of the community; and in a part of his field is obliged to labor where the man of sin is striving to lift his head.

Joel Wheeler has his station in McHenry and Lake Counties, and a portion of Wisconsin Territory. Has no ministering brother near him, and while he is obliged to divide his attention between seven churches situated within his circuit, he is, almost without a figure, besieged, by people from all directions urging him to preach in their neighborhoods. On the 30th January he earnestly requested that two ministers might be sent to his aid. But none have been yet found to say, "send me."

Edwin C. Brown, pastor of the church in Quincy, an important place on the Mississippi river, with a population of about 3000 inhabitants, and rapidly increasing. His efforts appear to be

owned of the Lord, and but for an onerous debt, the result of disappointed expectations, incurred in the erection of a meeting house, which remains in an unfinished state, there is good reason to believe a flourishing church would be raised up in the place. Even under existing circumstances there is a steady but slow increase, and quite recently their prospects have greatly brightened.

W. F. Boyakin, Vandalia Association. Here he has been sometime engaged in the ministry; a part of the time at pecuniary inconvenience and even sacrifice, but encouraged by evidence that his labor has not been in vain in the Lord. His reports have been published.

Jacob Bower has been stationed a portion of the year in Blue River Association, and the remainder in Green County. In this latter place, he has been engaged in itinerant duties.

Isaac Marvin, Pleasant Grove, has been at his station but a short time. A church has been organized. The congregation is large and attentive.

Warren B. Morey, Galena, reached his field about the middle of October last. The church has just completed a meeting house, and entered upon an evangelical course of action that promises much usefulness. Brother Morey preaches once a month at Dubuque, a place where an active minister should be stationed all the time. At one of his out stations called Belleview, he witnessed a remarkable display of divine grace in the conversion of several persons, among whom was a respectable lawyer, previously of infidel sentiments. The report containing the details has been published.

Jesse Ellege, Pike County. Having but recently been appointed, we have received no report from him.

Rodolphus Weston, Carthage. No report has been received from him, but from other sources it is understood that a revival has been progressing in the church for several weeks.

Joseph Lemen has made no report.

INDIANA.—*William Miller.* On account of feeble health, he is unable at present to perform the amount of labor required, but unwilling to omit doing what he can. His attachment to the missionary cause has induced him to desire a re-appointment in our service without salary, and he has been gratified.

John Jones. The correspondence of this self-denying missionary has been published at length. He resides in a district where effort on the part of the church for the spread of religion is opposed by many, and among them those who bear the name of christians. In various other ways his labors have been obstructed, but he has persevered amidst every difficulty, and now finds the prejudices of the people disappearing before the light of the gospel.

Peter Webb supplies four small and poor churches; one of

them in the place of his residence, and the nearest of the others about twenty miles distant. They are in different directions from his residence, and in order that he may dispose of his time to the best advantage, spends one entire week visiting and preaching four to six times at each place.

William M. Pratt, Crawfordsville. This is another of the Society's devoted missionaries who find it expedient to ask for no salary. He has sustained himself chiefly by teaching a school, and by dint of faithful preaching, and a spiritual intercourse with the people, has gradually won their confidence and affection. His last report, published in the Quarterly Paper of February, informed the Committee of an extensive revival in his vicinity: and other circumstances were also related which seem to have inspired him with a determination to give himself entirely to the work of the ministry.

James Martin, Northern Association. For several years he has been engaged in the ministry in different portions of the western country, but thinks he finds the people among whom he is now employed, generally, more ready to hear the gospel than any he has previously met.

Reuben Coffey devotes his time to the churches and destitute places of Monroe County. He has not, as other missionaries, enjoyed extensive and powerful revivals of religion, yet he has been encouraged by seeing a gradual advance of the cause of Christ through his instrumentality. He has heretofore suffered much from those who oppose missionary operations, but now witnesses a better state of feeling. The churches of one association among which he preaches, and which formerly took a stand against evangelical effort, have opened their doors for him and any other regular Baptist minister.

Daniel Palmer is a veteran missionary, having been in the service of the Society almost from the period of its organization. He has acquired the patience and firmness of a veteran; qualities very much needed in the range of his operations, where the anti-mission spirit exists extensively, and is exercised with intolerance. He rejoices, however, as he says in one of his letters, because that spirit, like the house of Saul, waxes weaker; while the mission cause like the house of David, waxes stronger. He is thankful for the confidence and support of the Society, because it allows him the privilege of giving himself to the work for which life is alone desirable to him—to preach Christ to a dying world.

William Cox is at Fort Wayne. The importance of this place is well known. In the language of the missionary, "it is an interesting and rapidly improving place; and is destined, ere long, to exert an important influence upon the community for weal or for wo." Here, and for several miles around, our brother labors assiduously, and already begins to enjoy pleasing fruits of

his ministry. It is expected that the church will erect a house of worship the present year.

John Hill, A. R. Hinkley, and Madison Hume, were but recently appointed.

OHIO.—*Jacob Bailey* was reappointed our missionary, October 15, 1839, but after acting as such nine months, resigned for the purpose of assuming the pastoral office in Ashtabula, where he is sustained by the church.

Thomas Hughes is still operating among the Welsh population of Ohio. His unreserved dedication of himself to the spiritual interests of his countrymen who are scattered throughout the state, renders his labors unusually toilsome, but he performs them with an ardor and perseverance, which show the sincerity of his desires for the promotion of the best interests of those "to whom all tongues are silent" but his own.

S. R. Willard performs missionary duty in a place where the heresy of Campbell has taken deep root. He has, nevertheless, pressed forward with his evangelical efforts, despite the inconveniences and trials incident to such a state of things. Under his ministry the church has prospered. Their accessions have been sufficiently numerous to encourage his heart and strengthen his hands. They have erected a commodious house of worship on the public square in the centre of the village. Its value is about \$2000, but brother Willard, upon whom the superintendence of the work necessarily devolved, and who was compelled to labor more or less with his own hands from the foundation to the top-stone, has economized so as that but \$150 in cash has been necessary. This inappropriate but, unfortunately, necessary work, cost him many a sleepless night, much personal toil, and many sacrifices in his domestic circle; but when he has been near fainting God has sustained him.

A precious revival of religion immediately followed the opening of the house for public worship, during which about fifty persons were added to the church; among the number was his own father threescore and ten years old, and who had been a confirmed universalist more than forty years.

T. R. Cressy has been about six years endeavoring to advance the interest of Zion in Columbus, a place which but thirty years ago was a wilderness, but now the seat of government of the state. Although during that period his hopes and fears have alternated sometimes almost to extremes, he has always found the cause upon the whole advancing. Many seasons of spiritual enjoyment have occurred to encourage and strengthen the church, and many souls among them, it is believed, have been redeemed by the precious blood of Jesus Christ.

Recently, the church has completed a meeting house equal in capacity and beauty to any other in the place, and a Female Society among them who have been long laboring for its comple-

tion, have now determined that their self-denying efforts shall be continued, and the results bestowed upon missionary objects.

O. N. Sage. This missionary has acted under our appointment about five years. When he first entered the field assigned him, there was not a church there of any denomination, and only four baptized believers in a population of 1500. He has baptized more than sixty persons. The church now consists of about one hundred members, and they have erected a house of worship which is a credit to their taste and zeal.

On the 1st of August, our brother entered upon the responsible duties of General Agent of the Ohio State Convention, and his relation with this Society was consequently dissolved. In his new sphere of action he is now contributing greatly to the prosperity of Zion.

Isaac Bloomer. Until the commencement of the present year his labors were confined chiefly to Mansfield, and its immediate vicinity; preaching twice each Lord's day, superintending a Sunday school and Bible class in the village, and preaching at some destitute place in the neighborhood in the evening. In this way he was accomplishing much good, though suffering inconvenience from the want of a meeting house. Since January, he has divided his time between that place and Lowdenville. The latter is a village of much promise. The church is now preparing to erect a meeting house, and every thing seemingly conspires to render our attention immediately and specially necessary.

Lyman Whitney but recently entered upon his duty at West Union. His labors have been blest. A revival has attended them, and the church which one year ago was small and feeble, now numbers upwards of fifty members.

Edwin H. Hawley, Lorain County, entered upon his duties November 4, 1840. The only report received from him informs us of his having explored the field, assisted the brethren in organizing a church, and laid his plans for future operation. His prospects are encouraging.

John O. Birdsall commenced his labors at Perrysburgh and Maumee City on the 1st of December. He formerly occupied the same field and was useful. The financial embarrassments of the country, which fell with severity upon the inhabitants, and the sickness of himself and family rendered it necessary for him then to seek another home; but he has returned again with cheerfulness to the embrace of a people with whom he seems much united.

Stephen B. Page encountered some trials on reaching his field, the causes of which being in some measure removed, his prospects are brighter.

Silas B. Webster has, since entering upon his charge, experienced much to encourage his heart and strengthen his hands.

His congregation has increased, and some of them have professed to entertain hope in the saving grace of God through Christ. The church is active in many good works.

MICHIGAN.—*James Pyper, Dexter and Unadilla.* On the 19th May, 1840, brother Pyper wrote that he had been at his station a little more than eighteen months, and during that time he had witnessed the advance and prosperity of the cause beyond his most sanguine expectations—many persons had been hopefully converted to God and added to the church. The church at Dexter had just then completed a house of worship, and desired that he would occupy it every Lord's day during the remainder of his engagement with us; expecting that then they would be in a situation to sustain him entirely. Soon after this a pleasing revival of religion took place and was progressing when he was taken sick and compelled to abandon all labor. Although by this event the revival seemed checked in some measure, still conversions took place and the church increased, and at the termination of his engagement on the 1st November, 1840, the prospects were very encouraging.

Supply Chase. Though his principal attention is bestowed upon the churches of Washington and Stoney Creek, he does not confine himself to them, but extends his efforts in different directions wherever he has an opportunity to be useful. He has enjoyed evidence of the Lord's approbation of his labors in the hopeful conversion of numbers, among whom are his own two sons.

The closing remark of one of his reports is as follows: "And now, need I subjoin any remarks touching the usefulness of Home Missions? The results above speak for themselves. Had it not been for the aid of your Society, the church at Washington would, doubtless, have had no existence."

Thomas Z. R. Jones, Marshall and Marengo, is laboring to bring men to the belief and obedience of the truth, and though he has a host to oppose, he feels that truth is great and it will prevail.

He has visited other towns and counties where previously no Baptist minister had preached the gospel, and his labors have not been in vain in the Lord.

During the last quarter a very distressing sickness prevailed in the region of his residence, and he was himself a sufferer. In the town of Marengo every family connected with the church was affected, and in some families every individual, but health has again been restored, and he has resumed his useful labors.

John Mitchell, at the commencement of his appointment, was stationed at Troy, but circumstances which he could not control, especially a severe sickness which prevailed in the place, and of which his family suffered, induced him to accept an invitation to remove to Saline, where he is at present usefully employed.

Silas Barnes, Shiawassee. This brother has within the past

year suffered very much in his person and large family with sickness. One of his reports was written when he had but just began to recover, and while on one side of him lay his wife and one child, and on the other three children, all sick with fever. Health, however, was restored, and he resumed his laborious and successful course in the ministry.

IOWA TERRITORY.—*Alexander Evans.* At his stations the cause of Christ, though somewhat slow, is nevertheless onward in its march. The attendants upon his ministry are increasing in number and influence; especially at Long Creek, the oldest church of our denomination in the Territory. When he first reached the place there were but seven Baptists residing there, chiefly females; and five of these soon removed to other parts of the country. But now the number of members is thirty-nine, comprising some of the first citizens in the county.

This church has erected a comfortable meeting house, and adopted a systematic plan of ministerial support. They are surrounded by all the errors and heresies of the west; though these are giving way. Sunday schools and Temperance measures are sustained by them with vigor.

Hezekiah Johnson, Burlington. Since he reached the territory, he has, in company with the foregoing missionary, been instrumental in organizing two churches, and promoting correct views in the association upon the subject of ministerial support. He labors not only as a pastor, but to a good extent as an itinerant, and has been much blest. His stated congregations are increasing.

Calvin Greenleaf has but recently entered upon his duties, and has forwarded no report.

WISCONSIN TERRITORY.—*Richard Griffing, Prairie Village,* has suffered from ill health so as not to be able to devote himself entirely to missionary work. His last engagement expired June 8, 1840.

Edward Matthews, Itinerant, travelled extensively in the territory, and furnished the Committee with some information concerning its settlements and destitution of the gospel.

FLORIDA.—In this territory the Society has had no missionary since the death of the lamented Hammond, until last March, when James McDonald being recommended by well-known brethren in Georgia, was appointed, and is now industriously employed in that field.

CANADA.—*William Rees, Brantford,* occupies a station which has required much ministerial labor and much patience. He has sometimes been upon the point of abandoning it, but when reflecting upon the probable consequences, has been willing to labor, and suffer for Christ's sake. Thinks that but for the civil disquietude of the country and the presence of a large military force,

the church would have been able by this time to sustain him without our aid.

John Butler, Rawdon, has been about nine years in Canada, assiduously prosecuting the work assigned him. On one occasion he wrote ; "during the whole of this period I have not failed to meet my appointments but one Lord's day, and that was on account of affliction. During the past winter the church to which he ministers was favored with a revival of religion, when several persons were added to them. He, also, experiences the bad influences of the anti-mission spirit which exists in that region.

William Geary, Johnstown Association, was formerly stationed at Belleville, but on account of a protracted affection of his eyes was under the necessity of engaging in itinerant duties. The state of religion within the bounds of the Association is not very encouraging, which is attributed in part to the civil derangements, and consequent removals from the country ; yet he labors to promote the spiritual interests of those who remain.

Peter Chase, Itinerant. In Canada are to be found a great many destitute settlements. This is true of the towns bordering upon the State of Vermont. It is in this region where this missionary labors a portion of his time. In one report, he says, "I have endeavored faithfully to discharge the duties of my appointment, visiting from house to house, and preaching in about twelve towns, and various neighborhoods, as the interests of the cause seemed to require." The results of a revival which accompanied his previous labors in this region are very encouraging ; among which he notices, with much satisfaction, the steadfastness of the young disciples, notwithstanding the civil discord and military with which they are surrounded.

He has also endeavored to extend his labors among the French Canadians with tolerable success. He has encouraged them to assemble and obtain assistance to conduct religious services in their mother tongue. As there are some twenty converts from Romanism within a few miles of his residence, and one of the number is zealous in exhorting his countrymen to repent, he hopes, ere long, to know of many more being brought into the kingdom of Christ.

Samuel B. Ryder, Jun. Potton and Bolten churches. *Edward Mitchell*, Stanstead and Hatley churches. *Israel Ide*, Barford, and *William Frazer*, Breadalbane, have but recently received their appointments. From the first two, reports of a satisfactory nature have been received.

TEXAS.—*James Huckins* reached the field of his labor last January, but having suffered severely by sickness during his passage, and after landing, was prevented from entering upon active missionary labors for several weeks. On the date of his last report he had so far recovered as to be able to proceed to Houston, one of his stations, and arrange plans for future operations.

William M. Tryon. By a letter from brother Huckins, we have been apprised of the arrival at Texas of this missionary, and of his having entered upon the duties of his appointment at Independence.

Untiring effort has been made to obtain a sufficient number of properly qualified missionaries for Texas; and more than once the Committee entertained hope that their exertions were about being crowned with success. Seven appointments have been made during the year, with sufficient reasons for believing they would be accepted, but of that number two only have actually entered upon the responsible work assigned them. Another, desirous of completing his education, and influenced by other satisfactory considerations, concluded to defer entering upon the work until next winter, at which time he holds himself (the Lord willing) ready to depart.

AUXILIARY CONVENTIONS AND SOCIETIES.

MAINE CONVENTION.

Next Anniversary, Second Wednesday after the fourth Wednesday in September, at Hallowell.

Rev. Adam Wilson, Bangor, *President.*

" Thomas O. Lincoln, Portland, *Secretary.*

Byron Greenough, *Treasurer.*

The prospects before this auxiliary at its last anniversary, were of a more encouraging nature than they had been for several years. Alluding to the embarrassments from which they had become relieved to a considerable extent, their Board of Managers say: "We may now assume again our former position among the benevolent organizations of the day; we may go up and possess the land." It is an important, valuable land, worth all the effort requisite to "go up and possess it."

They had prospects at the commencement of the year, of the services of two Missionary Agents, but domestic affliction and other circumstances prevented the persons appointed from accomplishing their designs.

Receipts for Domestic Missions, \$342 40.

NEW-HAMPSHIRE CONVENTION.

Next Anniversary, Tuesday before the Third Wednesday in October, place not determined.

Rev. Mark Carpenter, Keene, *President.*

" Andrew T. Foss, New Boston, *Cor. Secretary.*

John A. Gault, Concord, *Treasurer.*

It is inferred from the last Annual Report of this Auxiliary, that they have experienced some pecuniary embarrassments in.

past years from which they are now happily relieved. It is believed that a return of prosperity awaits them.

Though their recent circumstances have, for a time, prevented the appropriation of funds for Home Missions, they now announce their readiness to listen to applications for that purpose.

They have under their superintendence the Institution at New-Hampton, the moral, religious, and scientific influence of which has been so extensively and profitably felt in our country. There are at present connected with it 39 theological students. There has been a revival of religion in the institution, each term of the past year. 75 have cherished hope in the pardoning mercy of God, and 40 have been baptized, and united with the church. It needs and deserves pecuniary assistance.

Receipts for Home Missions, \$1383 12.

VERMONT CONVENTION.

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Receipts for Home Missions, \$1912 97.

MASSACHUSETTS CONVENTION.

Next Anniversary, Thursday after the last Wednesday in May, Boston.

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 Rev. Charles Train, Framingham, *Secretary*.
 William D. Ticknor, Boston, *Treasurer*.

The Convention of Massachusetts being a continuation of the "Missionary Society" of that State, is the oldest of our denomination in the country. Previous to its present organization, "the voice of its missionaries was heard in various parts of New-England, of the Western States, and of the British provinces;" but as similar Societies now exist in every section, its operations

are, at present, limited to the "Old Bay State." This presents a sufficiently extensive field, to require a much larger amount of funds than has yet been at the disposal of their "Board."

The last was the Thirty-eighth Anniversary of the Convention, and their Report shows that the work of Home Missions is dear to them. Fifteen missionaries had been employed more or less, during the year ending at that time, and the Secretary, in addition to his numerous duties as such, had performed a great amount of missionary labor.

A systematic plan appears to be projected here, which, under the persevering management of their Secretary will, probably, soon render this one of the most efficient missionary bodies in the land.

Receipts for Home Missions, \$3016 83.

RHODE ISLAND CONVENTION.

Next Anniversary, Second Wednesday in April, 1842, Providence.

Rev. R. E. Pattison, Providence,	<i>President.</i>
" John Dowling,	" <i>Secretary.</i>
V. G. Bates,	" <i>Treasurer.</i>

As its anniversary is held only a few days previous to ours, we are unable to report the present state of religion in the body ; but from private sources we learn that the missionary spirit is advancing rapidly.

Receipts for Home Missions, as reported in 1840,	\$1085 47.
Communicated by the Secretary, do 1841,	1060 61.

WESTERN ASSOCIATION OF LADIES OF FIRST CHURCH IN PROVIDENCE

Anniversary the First Tuesday in January.

Mrs. S. B. Mumford,	<i>First Directress.</i>
Miss Laura E. Pearce,	<i>Secretary.</i>
Miss A. G. Beckwith,	<i>Treasurer.</i>

This efficient Female Auxiliary has regularly furnished us the means of sustaining a missionary at the West ; and the tone of piety in which their correspondence is conducted, and the spirit of devotedness to the Home Mission cause evinced by them, furnishes us ample ground of confidence, that we shall still find in them those who will love to labor with us in the good work.

Receipts, \$64 00.*

* An addition was made to the above, at the Annual Meeting in Baltimore, of \$100 00.

CONNECTICUT CONVENTION.

*Next Anniversary, Tuesday preceding the 2d Wednesday in June,
at Hartford.*

George Reed, Esq. Deep River, *President.*
Rev. Henry Wooster, *Cor. Secretary.*
Joseph B. Gilbert, Esq. Hartford, *Treasurer.*

The Connecticut Convention is active and efficient in several benevolent objects dear to the churches. It formerly appropriated a considerable amount annually for domestic missions within their own borders; the good effects of which, in several instances, are still seen. This very important object, however, seems, of late, to have been overlooked in the effort to promote others.

No agent or itinerant missionary has been employed during the past year. The funds voluntarily contributed to the treasury have been distributed among nineteen feeble churches.

From the tenor of several resolutions passed at the last anniversary, there is ground to hope that the domestic missionary spirit is ready to revive among them.

Receipts for Home Missions \$754 91.

NEW-YORK CONVENTION.

Next Anniversary, third Wednesday in October, at Whitesboro'.

Rev. Elon Galusha, Whitesboro', *President.*
" John Smitzer, Fayetteville, *Secretary.*
Charles Babcock, Esq. New-Hartford, *Treasurer.*

From the facts that the Board entered upon the labors of the year with but a single agent; and a great scarcity of money existed throughout the year, the receipts into the treasury were less than those of former years. Still they have been enabled to meet all the demands against them, and to present a donation to the American Baptist Home Mission Society of \$4000, including the amount paid from this state directly into its treasury.

During the year 103 churches were wholly or in part supplied with preaching and pastoral labor. Fourteen missionaries were also sustained among the destitute, making the entire amount of local and itinerant service performed, including that of the General Agent, equal to the labors of one man eighty-five years and three-quarters, and exceeding by nine and a half years the labors of any previous year. This was exclusive of their efforts in behalf of the Indian tribes within their borders; among whom three missionaries have been employed.

In the performance of these labors, more than 16000 sermons

resulted in the baptism of 197 persons, who were hopefully converted to Christ, besides many other spiritual blessings.

Receipts for Home Missions, \$1877 88.

PENNSYLVANIA CONVENTION.

Next Anniversary, fourth Wednesday in October, at Milesburgh, Centre county.

J. M. Linnard, Philadelphia, *President.*
 Rev. William Shadrach, " *Cor. Secretary.*
 J. C. Davis, " *Treasurer.*

But four years have passed since the organization of this auxiliary, yet a great amount of good has been accomplished, and our friends are encouraged to greater effort for the future.

Fourteen years and four months is the aggregate of service performed by the missionaries of this body. About 3715 sermons have been preached, and 224 baptisms administered; several churches have been organized; tracts and bibles have been distributed; and much bread has been cast upon the waters, the harvest of which they hope hereafter to reap.

The Board regard it as worthy of distinct and grateful record, that some churches which were at the commencement of the year, so weak that their very existence was doubtful, have, by the blessing of God upon the timely visitations of their missionaries, emerged from the gloom which surrounded them. They are now firmly established, and are capable of sustaining the ministry without further aid from the Convention.

Receipts for Home Missions, \$2166 85.

YOUNG LADIES' HOME MISSION SOCIETY, PHILADELPHIA.

Anniversary, not stated.

Miss Semple, *First Directress.*
 " Burtis, *Cor. Secretary.*
 " Butler, *Treasurer.*

In view of the wide prevalence of error, in numerous forms, and the great destitution of the Bread of Life in various parts of our country, the language of this Society in their last report is: O may we remember that we are not our own, that all we have is the bountiful gift of our heavenly Father, and it is our privilege and duty to do all we can for the support and extension of his glorious gospel. Let us perform that duty as we ought, or as we shall wish we had done when called to a bed of death,

We know not how soon we may be summoned to render an account of our stewardship."

Receipts, \$60 00.

MARYLAND UNION ASSOCIATION.

***Next Anniversary, Thursday before 4th Sunday in October,
at Washington, D. C.***

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Receipts, \$919 83.

VIRGINIA GENERAL ASSOCIATION.

***Next Anniversary, Saturday before the 1st Lord's day in June,
at Charlottesville.***

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SOUTH CAROLINA CONVENTION.

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at Society Hill.*

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Receipts for Home Missions, \$349 62.

GEORGIA CONVENTION.

*Next Anniversary, Friday before the Third Sunday in May, at
Thomaston, Upson County.*

Rev. Jesse Mercer, Washington, *Moderator.*
 " John E. Dawson, Madison, *Clerk.*
 Absalom Janes, Penfield, *Treasurer.*

Our brethren of this important auxiliary have taken a wide and comprehensive view of the moral and religious interests of their state, and they have not hesitated to enter upon the work of evangelical improvement, with the ardor and liberality which have long distinguished them. The Mercer University, and a Female Academy were founded by them, and are liberally endowed; they have provided a generous orphans' fund, from which two or three young men are now receiving an education; they have laid the foundation for supplying the libraries of indigent ministers with essential books; by the great liberality of brother J. Mercer, they are in possession of an excellent printing establishment, from whence is issued an ably conducted religious paper; and every object of christian benevolence, domestic and foreign, meets their ready and cheerful support.

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The last was the Thirty-eighth Anniversary of the Convention, and their Report shows that the work of Home Missions is dear to them. Fifteen missionaries had been employed more or less, during the year ending at that time, and the Secretary, in addition to his numerous duties as such, had performed a great amount of missionary labor.

A systematic plan appears to be projected here, which, under the persevering management of their Secretary will, probably, soon render this one of the most efficient missionary bodies in the land.

Receipts for Home Missions, \$3016 83.

RHODE ISLAND CONVENTION.

Next Anniversary, Second Wednesday in April, 1842, Providence.

Rev. R. E. Pattison, Providence,	<i>President.</i>
" John Dowling,	" <i>Secretary.</i>
V. G. Bates,	" <i>Treasurer.</i>

As its anniversary is held only a few days previous to ours, we are unable to report the present state of religion in the body ; but from private sources we learn that the missionary spirit is advancing rapidly.

Receipts for Home Missions, as reported in 1840, \$1085 47.

Communicated by the Secretary, do 1841, 1060 61.

WESTERN ASSOCIATION OF LADIES OF FIRST CHURCH IN PROVIDENCE

Anniversary the First Tuesday in January.

Mrs. S. B. Mumford,	<i>First Directress.</i>
Miss Laura E. Pearce,	<i>Secretary.</i>
Miss A. G. Beckwith,	<i>Treasurer.</i>

This efficient Female Auxiliary has regularly furnished us the means of sustaining a missionary at the West ; and the tone of piety in which their correspondence is conducted, and the spirit of devotedness to the Home Mission cause evinced by them, furnishes us ample ground of confidence, that we shall still find in them those who will love to labor with us in the good work.

Receipts, \$64 00.*

* An addition was made to the above, at the Annual Meeting in Baltimore, of \$100 00.

CONNECTICUT CONVENTION.

*Next Anniversary, Tuesday preceding the 2d Wednesday in June,
at Hartford.*

George Reed, Esq. Deep River, *President.*
Rev. Henry Wooster, *Cor. Secretary.*
Joseph B. Gilbert, Esq. Hartford, *Treasurer.*

The Connecticut Convention is active and efficient in several benevolent objects dear to the churches. It formerly appropriated a considerable amount annually for domestic missions within their own borders; the good effects of which, in several instances, are still seen. This very important object, however, seems, of late, to have been overlooked in the effort to promote others.

No agent or itinerant missionary has been employed during the past year. The funds voluntarily contributed to the treasury have been distributed among nineteen feeble churches.

From the tenor of several resolutions passed at the last anniversary, there is ground to hope that the domestic missionary spirit is ready to revive among them.

Receipts for Home Missions \$754 91.

NEW-YORK CONVENTION.

Next Anniversary, third Wednesday in October, at Whitesboro'.

Rev. Elon Galusha, Whitesboro', *President.*
" John Smitzer, Fayetteville, *Secretary.*
Charles Babcock, Esq. New-Hartford, *Treasurer.*

From the facts that the Board entered upon the labors of the year with but a single agent; and a great scarcity of money existed throughout the year, the receipts into the treasury were less than those of former years. Still they have been enabled to meet all the demands against them, and to present a donation to the American Baptist Home Mission Society of \$4000, including the amount paid from this state directly into its treasury.

During the year 103 churches were wholly or in part supplied with preaching and pastoral labor. Fourteen missionaries were also sustained among the destitute, making the entire amount of local and itinerant service performed, including that of the General Agent, equal to the labors of one man eighty-five years and three-quarters, and exceeding by nine and a half years the labors of any previous year. This was exclusive of their efforts in behalf of the Indian tribes within their borders; among whom three missionaries have been employed.

In the performance of these labors, more than 16000 sermons

have been preached; 22000 families have been religiously visited; 4928 pupils have been instructed in Sunday Schools and Bible Classes.

The Baptist denomination in New-York are considered strong; and some, in accounting for it, lay much stress upon their number of communicants, which is now about 80,000. This fact, while it unquestionably contributes to their strength, is not its principal element. They are, generally, a spiritually minded and liberal people, and their benevolent organizations are conducted with system, vigor and perseverance. They have expended a large amount of money in evangelizing their own territory: and while one result has been great accessions to their number, another is, those accessions have been found to be deeply imbued with the same evangelical spirit. In this lies their greatest strength. *They* have learned that ability to spread the gospel abroad is acquired by first doing that duty *at home*.

Receipts for Home Missions, \$11,235 21.

OLIVER-STREET FEMALE HOME MISSION SOCIETY, NEW-YORK.

Anniversary, third Monday in April.

Mrs. S. E. Bleecker. *First Directress.*

Miss Sarah Seaver, *Secretary.*

Mrs. Henry Cauldwell, *Treasurer.*

This is the oldest of our Female Auxiliaries, being the continuation of the "Indian Child Society," organized about twenty years ago, and having for its object the education of Indian children, particularly at the Tonawanda station. Their donations to this station in clothing, books and cash, for many years, amounted to about \$250 per annum. This object has not ceased to engage their sympathies, though a new organization embracing all our Home Mission efforts was, a few years since, found desirable.

Since their organization they have raised \$813, exclusive of \$106 for the Tonawanda station. Within the last two years they have constituted eight Life Members of the American Baptist Home Mission Society.

Their last communication breathes the right spirit. They say, "We trust the day is not far distant, when American Christians will awake to the subject of spreading the gospel **AT HOME**, and feel the responsibility resting upon them, to be up and doing something worthy of them, for the moral culture of their own sons and daughters, their brothers and sisters, who have already gone, or who may hereafter emigrate to the "far west" to build the cities, or till the soil of our own free and happy land.

Receipts the past year, \$300 00.

STANTON-STREET FEMALE MISSIONARY SOCIETY, NEW-YORK.

Anniversary, Tuesday after the first Monday in March.

Miss A. C. Cox, *President.*

" H. Stout, *Secretary.*

Mrs. C. Phelps, *Treasurer.*

This Society has continued to manifest a warm interest in Home Missions. A considerable increase of members had been experienced during the year.

At the period of their last annual meeting the church in Stanton-street having greatly increased, and entered into an amicable arrangement for the organization of a new church, the society found their number of members diminished about one half. They are still determined, however, to do what they can for the cause of Christ.

The amount raised last year, \$86 00.

NEW-YORK BAPTIST DOMESTIC MISSION SOCIETY.

Anniversary at the discretion of the Board of Managers.

Nathan C. Platt, *President.*

J. B. Kidder, *Secretary.*

Charles W. Houghton, *Treasurer.*

This Society was organized only a few months ago. Its operations have been limited, thus far, to the city of New-York, where they have a missionary employed.

NEW-JERSEY CONVENTION.

Next Anniversary, Wednesday Nov. 3d, 1841, at New-Brunswick.

Rev. G. S. Webb, New-Brunswick, *President.*

" C. W. Mulford, Hightstown, *Secretary.*

P. P. Runyon, Esq. New-Brunswick, *Treasurer.*

The operations of the Board for the last year have been conducted on the same principles, and with the same objects in view, as in former years. The feeble churches and destitute places within the state have received their attention, and objects of a more foreign character have not been forgotten. Seven missionaries have been sustained by them entirely, or in part, and 16 churches and destitute places have been aided. The whole amount of ministerial labor secured to the Convention by their appropriations has been equal to 14 years of one man. It has

resulted in the baptism of 197 persons, who were hopefully converted to Christ, besides many other spiritual blessings.

Receipts for Home Missions, \$1877 88.

PENNSYLVANIA CONVENTION.

Next Anniversary, fourth Wednesday in October, at Milesburgh, Centre county.

J. M. Linnard, Philadelphia, *President.*
 Rev. William Shadrach, " *Cor. Secretary.*
 J. C. Davis, " *Treasurer.*

But four years have passed since the organization of this auxiliary, yet a great amount of good has been accomplished, and our friends are encouraged to greater effort for the future.

Fourteen years and four months is the aggregate of service performed by the missionaries of this body. About 3715 sermons have been preached, and 224 baptisms administered; several churches have been organized; tracts and bibles have been distributed; and much bread has been cast upon the waters, the harvest of which they hope hereafter to reap.

The Board regard it as worthy of distinct and grateful record, that some churches which were at the commencement of the year, so weak that their very existence was doubtful, have, by the blessing of God upon the timely visitations of their missionaries, emerged from the gloom which surrounded them. They are now firmly established, and are capable of sustaining the ministry without further aid from the Convention.

Receipts for Home Missions, \$2166 85.

YOUNG LADIES' HOME MISSION SOCIETY, PHILADELPHIA,

Anniversary, not stated.

Miss Semple, *First Directress.*
 " Burtis, *Cor. Secretary.*
 " Butler, *Treasurer.*

In view of the wide prevalence of error, in numerous forms, and the great destitution of the Bread of Life in various parts of our country, the language of this Society in their last report is: "O may we remember that we are not our own, that all we have is the bountiful gift of our heavenly Father, and it is our privilege and duty to do all we can for the support and extension of his glorious gospel. Let us perform that duty as we ought, or as we shall wish we had done when called to a bed of death,

We know not how soon we may be summoned to render an account of our stewardship."

Receipts, \$60 00.

MARYLAND UNION ASSOCIATION.

***Next Anniversary, Thursday before 4th Sunday in October,
at Washington, D. C.***

**Rev. George F. Adams, Baltimore, *Moderator.*
Charles D. Slingluff, *Clerk.***

This year, the Executive Board, instead of having, as has been the case heretofore, to report but little else than disappointed efforts to procure the service of suitable missionaries, have the satisfaction of saying, to the praise of the glory of divine grace, that they have not labored in vain, nor spent their strength for naught. A general agent has been employed a portion of the year, and would have continued through the whole of it but for ill health. Missionaries also have been, with but little interruption, constantly engaged in carrying the gospel to the needy of that state, and have baptized 147 persons on a profession of faith in Jesus Christ.

Receipts, \$919 83.

VIRGINIA GENERAL ASSOCIATION.

***Next Anniversary, Saturday before the 1st Lord's day in June,
at Charlottesville.***

OFFICERS OF THE BOARD.

**Rev. James B. Taylor, Richmond, *President.*
Wm Sands, *Cor. Secretary.*
George Phippen, Jr. *Treasurer.***

The Annual Report of this important body did not reach us until too late a period to publish in ours a view of their operations the past year.

The Corresponding Secretary reports the receipts of the past year for Home Missions, exclusive of the amount paid into our treasury, to be \$5600 00.

SOUTH CAROLINA CONVENTION.

*Next Anniversary, Saturday before Second Sunday in December,
at Society Hill.*

Rev. William B. Johnson, Edgefield, *President.*

" James Du Pre, *Secretary.*

Alexander J. Lawton, *Treasurer.*

The efforts of this important body are applied to all those great and benevolent objects, which are dear to the churches of our Lord Jesus Christ. No small amount of wisdom appears to guide their councils, and success to attend their works. The Furman Institution is the offspring of their benevolence, and has already proved itself worthy of their fostering care. As a Classical and Theological School, it cannot fail to do much in elevating the character and extending the influence of the denomination in the state.

Receipts for Home Missions, \$349 62.

GEORGIA CONVENTION.

*Next Anniversary, Friday before the Third Sunday in May, at
Thomaston, Upson County.*

Rev. Jesse Mercer, Washington, *Moderator.*

" John E. Dawson, Madison, *Clerk.*

Absalom Janes, Penfield, *Treasurer.*

Our brethren of this important auxiliary have taken a wide and comprehensive view of the moral and religious interests of their state, and they have not hesitated to enter upon the work of evangelical improvement, with the ardor and liberality which have long distinguished them. The Mercer University, and a Female Academy were founded by them, and are liberally endowed; they have provided a generous orphans' fund, from which two or three young men are now receiving an education; they have laid the foundation for supplying the libraries of indigent ministers with essential books; by the great liberality of brother J. Mercer, they are in possession of an excellent printing establishment, from whence is issued an ably conducted religious paper; and every object of christian benevolence, domestic and foreign, meets their ready and cheerful support.

During the past year, three missionaries were in their employ-

ment, who performed much valuable service in destitute parts of the state.

Receipts for Home Missions,* \$1403 05.

TENNESSEE CONVENTION.

Next Anniversary, Friday before the Second Sunday in October, at Lebanon, Wilson County.

Rev. R. B. C. Howell, Nashville, *President.*
 " J. H. Shephard, " *Cor. Secretary.*
 Dr. S. G. Morton, Concord, *Treasurer.*

The Tennessee Convention has three Auxiliaries to which the Associations and churches in the different parts of the state, are, in like manner, auxiliary. Impediments in the way of enlarged operations are found to exist in certain prejudices against some of the provisions of the present Constitution, and in the different views entertained by the churches upon the subject of missions. Incipient arrangements for a mutual adjustment of these matters appear, however, to have been made, and it is hoped that by another year, the body will be prepared to move forward in their full strength.

Considering these circumstances, much energy has been displayed. Last year, a General Agent and 21 Missionaries were sustained, whose labors in the good cause give cheering evidence of devotedness and success.

The agent, though prevented by indisposition during the last month of his appointment from serving, travelled 3,840 miles, preached 365 sermons, and attended 16 protracted meetings, and two camp meetings.

Receipts, \$1141 58.

KENTUCKY GENERAL ASSOCIATION.

Anniversary, Saturday before Third Sunday in October, Russellville.

Rev. William C. Buck, Louisville, *President.*
 F. A. Willard, " *Cor. Secretary.*
 Paul Hayercraft, Elizabethtown, *Treasurer.*

There are more than 60,000 Baptist communions almost equal to all the other religious denomi-

nations. In amount, it is believed by one whose acquaintance with religious churches, qualifies him to judge correctly, that it is equal for domestic missionary purposes in the state by

nations in the state. They are a wealthy people ; and yet Kentucky is decidedly missionary ground. Originating from Virginia when that state was under Episcopal domination, and where they had suffered the persecuting spirit of that establishment, the early settlers of Kentucky commenced their career with deep rooted antipathies against the *salaried clergy* on whose account they had suffered, but which insensibly led them to neglect their scriptural duties towards the ministers of their own churches; till, as a natural consequence, those ministers driven to secular employments, were not to be found to fill the sacred office. Consequences of the most ruinous tendency to all spiritual prosperity in the churches followed this destitution, as is evident from the facts that by far the greater proportion of those churches, amounting to more than 700, are supplied with preaching but once a month ; and many have no stated preaching at all ; that there are not more than 250 efficient ministers to supply them ; and that but 11 of those churches are supplied with stated pastors.

The brethren have begun to be sensible of this alarming state of things, to weep over it, and devise means to remedy the evil. About four years ago, the General Association was formed as one of those means. Its object is, in a special manner, to promote by all scriptural means, the prosperity of the cause of Jesus Christ in Kentucky. With this object in view, they have vigorously prosecuted a plan of operations which not only promises well for the future, but has already produced the most encouraging results. About 30,000 have been, since then, added to the churches by baptism, not less than 10,000 of which number, it is believed, thus put on Christ during the past year.

Receipts, \$826 23.

MISSOURI.

FRANKLIN HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY,

No Information.

NEW CAPE GIRARDEAU ASSOCIATION.

Next Anniversary, Saturday before the Fifth Sunday in October, at Pleasant Grove Church, Perry County.

John Kennada, *Moderator.*
A. Hogard, *Clerk.*

This Association was organized last November, in order that the friends of missions might co-operate with each other in peace. They have an Executive Committee, whose business is to devise measures adapted to the promotion of the gospel in that region.

past years from which they are now happily relieved. It is believed that a return of prosperity awaits them.

Though their recent circumstances have, for a time, prevented the appropriation of funds for Home Missions, they now announce their readiness to listen to applications for that purpose.

They have under their superintendence the Institution at New-Hampton, the moral, religious, and scientific influence of which has been so extensively and profitably felt in our country. There are at present connected with it 39 theological students. There has been a revival of religion in the institution, each term of the past year. 75 have cherished hope in the pardoning mercy of God, and 40 have been baptized, and united with the church. It needs and deserves pecuniary assistance.

Receipts for Home Missions, \$1383 12.

VERMONT CONVENTION.

Next Anniversary, Second Wednesday in October, at Poultney.

Rev. Daniel Packer, Mount Holly, *President.*

" C. A. Thomas, Brandon, *Cor. Secretary.*

" Willard Kimball, *Treasurer.*

This useful body has, during the past year, displayed its usual life and energy. Six missionaries have been kept in the field nearly the whole year: four of them in Canada, and the others in the important work of conducting protracted meetings. One of them in his Report says, "that since the previous meeting of the Convention, he has attended eleven protracted meetings, preached twice and three times a day, and between three and four hundred persons have been happily converted to God: of whom, about 200 have been baptized."

Receipts for Home Missions, \$1912 97.

MASSACHUSETTS CONVENTION.

Next Anniversary, Thursday after the last Wednesday in May, Boston.

Isaac Davis, Worcester, *President.*

Rev. Charles Train, Framingham, *Secretary.*

William D. Ticknor, Boston, *Treasurer.*

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OHIO CONVENTION.

*Next Anniversary, Saturday before the Fourth Sunday in May
at Columbus.*

Rev. L. D. Barker, McConnellsville, *President.*
 " J. Stevens, Granville, *Cor. Secretary.*
 J. B. Wheaton, *Treasurer.*

The attention of this body has been directed with more than ordinary interest to the importance of establishing the institutions of the gospel in their villages and cities. A plan for the promotion of this object has been arranged and acted on for a few years, and the benefits now appear much to their encouragement and reward. Churches now exist, provided with spacious meeting houses, and supplied with able ministers in many of the most important places in the state. Fourteen village missionaries have been laboring during the past year with success, and seven others have been more or less engaged in various other places. They have performed in the whole, sixteen years of labor; baptized 211 persons, and established ten new Sunday schools, and six Bible classes.

Other kindred objects receive a full share of attention. The Granville College, under their superintendence is in a flourishing condition, and bids fair soon to furnish the churches with many well qualified ministers of the gospel.

Receipts for Home Missions, \$1769 72.

MICHIGAN CONVENTION.

Next Anniversary, First Wednesday in October, at Edwardsburgh.

Rev. Joseph Elliott, Pontiac, *President.*
 " John Mitchell, Saline. *Cor. Secretary.*
 R. C. Smith, Detroit, *Treasurer.*

The Board of Managers lament the depressed condition in which they were placed the last year in consequence of the pecuniary embarrassments which prevailed in the country. They had not felt justified in attempting to obtain an agent, and their collections had been insufficient to allow them to make appropriations at all adequate to the necessities of the feeble churches and new settlements of the state. They speak with more encouragement respecting the future, however, and it is believed that, at this time, they are in a more prosperous condition, an agent being in successful operation among them.

Receipts for Home Missions, \$494 30.

CONNECTICUT CONVENTION.

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lity soon to sustain the cause without our aid ; while three of those which we have heretofore aided, already enjoy that blessing.

In reviewing these results, the committee feel that there is reason for gratitude to the God of all grace who has evidently granted them. In recurring to the reports of missionaries and auxiliaries in which the history of this kindness is written, it is impossible to suppress the ejaculation, "What hath God wrought." We have seen our missionary brethren toiling amidst the burden and heat of the day ; enduring hardness as good soldiers of Jesus Christ ; encountering error, delusion, and sin in its worst forms ; acting in proximity with professed disciples of Christ, who oppose their efforts to extend his kingdom : but we have seen them blest of God as instruments of salvation to many hundreds of their fellow men, and nearly all of them permitted to record to the praise of Divine grace, the occurrence of a revival of religion among the people with whom they have labored. Indeed, the number and extent of revivals at our mission stations may be mentioned among the remarkable events in the missionary year 1840-1.

It is a source of great satisfaction to know that among the fruits of those labors may be mentioned the cultivation and prevalence of that expansive benevolence by which the kingdom of Jesus Christ is enlarged and established. Thus our benevolent societies have all received from among the churches aided, new and active auxiliaries which have already returned into their treasuries a portion of the aid received, and will doubtless continue to repay, with large interest, the debt of gratitude, until their character of debtors will be lost in that of benefactors.

A very gratifying feature in the labors of our missionaries is the evangelical character of their ministry. Deriving their views of doctrine and practice solely from the word of God, they have been enabled very extensively to rebuke heresies ; to counteract errors ; to remove delusions ; and to substitute in the intelligence and affections of the people, the faith and practice, the discipline and ordinances of the New Testament.

So far as our distinctive sentiments are concerned, we have much to encourage us. Never before was investigation of those sentiments so extensive. Never was there so ready a reception of them. Never were there clearer prospects of their prevalence.

In this connexion we may be allowed to contemplate the results of all this labor upon those new settlements where it has been chiefly performed ; affecting those incipient combinations by which a moral character is to be given to the people and their institutions, and preparation made for the healthful exercise of that political influence which they are destined to wield over our free and happy republic. If our national prosperity and happi-

ness have heretofore depended, under God's blessing, upon the intelligence and virtue of the people, and if the perpetuity of those blessings is still dependent upon the holy influence of the religion of Jesus Christ, we have in the history of God's marvelous doings now before us, a cheering ground of hope. We may perceive in it the mingling of the wholesome leaven of the gospel with the great mass of social and political elements; sanctifying, or at least correcting and preparing them for all the practical purposes of a sound morality and honorable policy.

But we are allowed to look further, even than the boundaries of earth and the limits of time, for results of the labors of our missionaries. The very thought is affecting, and we may well pause as we approach it. The strongest faith that ever quickened the spiritual perceptions of man needs a stronger and clearer vision when he attempts to contemplate the infinite and eternal results of God's sanctifying grace upon a single soul. How utterly incompetent then are we to scan with even tolerable satisfaction those which are connected with the thousands who through the instrumentality of our missionary brethren, have been, we hope, allowed a participation of that grace.

LABOR TO BE PERFORMED.

Long after Israel had reached the promised land, and gained victories, and planted vineyards there, it was said by Him who bestowed upon them that rich inheritance; "there remaineth yet very much land to be possessed." The same language may be appropriately addressed to this society to day. Much has been accomplished, but, comparatively, the work is but just begun. The principles of action are established, and some practical knowledge is acquired, but it remains for us to employ that knowledge to an extent commensurate with the numerous and increasing necessities of Zion and our country. The campaign is planned and the forces are marshalled, but the battle is yet to be fought. The field, with all its inviting fertility, is full in view, but its soil is yet to be trodden and cultivated by us, ere its golden harvests are ours.

The religious destitution of many sections of our country, especially of the west, is a theme upon which a hundred pens and tongues have been employed. It is a theme which has for years called forth the active benevolence of the churches, and the personal sacrifices of many devoted ministers of the gospel. It might be supposed that, ere this, that destitution were sufficiently supplied to impart to the churches in those regions an ability adequate to their real necessity. This is true in some particular cases, but not in general, especially with the churches of our denomination. Nor can it be, so long as immigration ex-

tends beyond established religious influences, or so long as our distinctive views continue to attract attention and secure the confidence of the community to so great an extent as they have within a few past years.

There are now many portions of our country only partially supplied by us with the institutions of the gospel, or are entirely destitute of our spiritual care. Your Committee might mention several places in the older states, but as they are nearly all under the immediate superintendence of auxiliaries, which are able to supply them, they will confine themselves to those of more recent existence.

In Florida we have had no missionary since the death of our beloved Hammond ; but not less than four efficient men should now be employed there ; and as soon as tranquillity shall be restored in that territory many more should enter it, and proclaim the merits of the peace-speaking blood of Christ.

Mississippi next in order presents to our attention Natchez and Monticello, and other prominent places. Within her borders at least seven able ministers should be sustained, but there is now only one under appointment of the Society.

Louisiana contains many Baptists whose churches invite our fostering care ; and important towns and cities where our churches are not to be found. Baton Rouge and Jackson are among them ; painful as is the fact, New-Orleans, with its 100,000 inhabitants, must still be included in the number. It is true, attempts have been made by the Committee to erect the standard of the gospel there, but their want of success in finding a suitable man willing to go is humiliating.

Arkansas, in the "far west," sits in spiritual desolation. Very few ministers of talent and piety are there. But two of the Society's missionaries occupy any portion of her territory. Her moral interests are seriously suffering. Every year increases an already fearful amount of obligation respecting her. And yet there are brethren and friends daily uttering and reiterating the cry, "come over and help us." There is now abundance of work in that state for six or eight of the most active, holy missionaries ; there is no obstacle to the success of such but what is found in every new country.

Tennessee presents a multitude of villages and county seats to our attention. At least 14 of them, including her seat of government, might be named, where, had we the right sort of men, in all probability, flourishing churches would be raised up almost immediately. She now invites us to arise and build. The people generally favor our distinctive sentiments, and wait our movements ; but a little longer delay may serve to convince us to our sorrow, how easy it is for God to take away his kingdom from an unfaithful people, and give it to another, who will bring forth the fruits thereof.

Missouri, in her entire extent upon the banks of her noble river,

and throughout her southeast and northwest boundaries, shows Baptist churches, many of which need the oversight of intelligent, pious ministers; and settlements where the gospel of Jesus Christ is but seldom heard. There too our Society should have not less than ten devoted and talented missionaries.

Illinois and Ohio are making rapid advances in an enlightened, liberal policy for the support of the institutions of the gospel. But for some time to come, we can hardly feel excused from doing nearly as much for their aid as we have been accustomed to do.

Wisconsin and Iowa Territories, in all probability, will shortly assume the condition of independent states. In the first we have scarcely a missionary; in the other not half enough to answer the imploring requests that have come to our ears. Here it may be said especially, the fields are white already to harvest.

Indiana and Michigan are rapidly rising to greatness, but they need our aid. Without it, in their comparative infancy, our churches must languish, and by and by exhibit a stunted growth. With it, in a few years more, they may present us a moral form of mature and well organized mould, strong and able to "come up to the help of the Lord against the mighty."

We might mention Kentucky in this connexion, but for the knowledge we have of her abundant resources, and her present noble effort to call them forth in benevolent enterprise. As one of our auxiliaries we can but commend to her the work of providing for her own destitution, but which, if she decline, we must feel, is, by an unerring Providence, still required at our hands.

Canada, although the province of a foreign power, is near us, and for that reason should be regarded as a field for the exercise of our benevolence. Her proximity affords facilities for the introduction among us of those pernicious influences which naturally exist, or find a first resting place there when transferred from the shores of the old world. The delusion, ignorance, and superstition of that region which cast their lengthened shadows over our fair and sunny heritage, can only be dispelled by the counteracting influences of the glorious gospel of the blessed God. The present embarrassments of our English brethren; the manifold objects of a similar nature which now heavily tax their ability, especially the support and endowment of the college of which they have laid the foundation, convinces us that there, also, is important labor for us to perform.

Texas, too, the bordering republic on our southern limits, peopled to a great extent by our countrymen—our brothers, our children, looks to us. Here, already, a nation has sprung into existence, and while acquiring greatness and strength, is asking of us the requisite moral agencies. We have listened to the impassioned recitals of her wants and woes as they fell from the lips of our brother, who with almost primitive firmness and devotedness traversed her wide-spread prairies, and stagnant morasses, and made himself an eye-witness of her most polluting moral evils,

that he might learn her true condition and the best methods of improving it; and while we have heard from him the echo of her own entreaties, we have felt the responsibility of our relation to her as christians resting with ponderous weight upon our consciences. The gospel, by our hands, must be carried beyond the Sabine, and the Colorado, and the Guadalupe to the Rio Grande. Through our instrumentality it must exert its benign influence throughout that republic from the river that separates it on the north from our own beloved land, to the waters that wash its southern shores.

We have marked out to ourselves, all North America as the field over which we will watch and pray, and where we will promote the preaching of the gospel. The God of Salvation smiles upon the attempt. In his holy providence he has already prepared that portion of the territory now so briefly hinted at for the immediate exercise of our spiritual sympathies. Within that territory not less than one hundred points of importance, some of them especially so, now unoccupied by us, are ready for our exertions in their behalf. Many of them implore our immediate aid; and every one of them, with the blessing of God, would very soon become centres from whence would emanate a spiritual influence upon the wide-spread population around them. As christians we owe to the dwellers in this wide field the faithful performance of the work assigned us. As Baptists, we owe it to ourselves and the Great Head of the church, that we do this work not only faithfully but promptly.

The character of the people who occupy the new states and territories of our field, unless modelled in an evangelical mould, will, unavoidably, receive the impress of infidelity; and with greater certainty than we now anticipate may, in time, impart it to our whole country. Surely then we cannot be insensible of the importance of sustaining among them a holy, and as far as possible, an enlightened ministry, that in their extensive comminglings with all the active agencies of political, social, and domestic life, they may exert those influences which are the only sure elements of national virtue and prosperity—the only means of happiness to souls in this or another world.

He who has called us to the high and holy privilege of servants of Jesus Christ, and constituted us stewards of his manifold grace has said to us, "occupy till I come." And where is the christian, who, in view of the worth of the soul of man, its welfare or its wo, in time and eternity, the moral government of God, and the interposition of infinite grace through Jesus Christ for the redemption of guilty sinners, will not feel impelled to labor in the vineyard of his Lord and Master, until his every talent is improved to the greatest possible increase; until he may rest from his labor, and his works shall follow him.

of the Executive Committee.

BENJAMIN M. HILL, Cor. Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

AMERICAN BAPTIST HOME MISSION SOCIETY, in account current with R. W. MARTIN, Treasurer.

	Dr.	
To amount paid on drafts to Missionaries, Agents, Secretary and Clerk, since last Report	\$10,239 32	
" Printing	394 63	
" Rent of Rooms	300 00	
" Postages, Travelling expenses of Agents and Secretary, and Exchanges	1463 59	
" Reported by State Conventions, and Associations per contra . .	31,505 86	
" Balance to new account	6,214 87	
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	\$50,118 33	
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April, 1841. By Balance from old account	\$4833 38	
" " Loan paid	3000 00	
" " Receipts from State Conventions and other Auxiliaries, and from individuals, and amounts reported by the several Conventions, so far as reports have been made to the Executive Committee, viz:—		
Maine received into the Treasury	207 99	
Reported by their Convention	342 40	
New-Hampshire received	151 07	
Reported by their Convention	1002 45	
Vermont received	6 25	
Reported by their Convention	1912 97	
Massachusetts received	766 07	
Reported by their Convention	2316 83	
Rhode Island received	239 54	
Reported by their Convention	1085 47	
Connecticut received	563 33	
Reported by their Convention	754 91	
New-York received	3583 32	
Reported by their Convention	11,235 21	
New-Jersey received	332 42	
Reported by their Convention	1877 78	
Pennsylvania received	294 25	
Reported by their Convention	2166 85	
Delaware received	50 50	
Maryland received	55 00	
Reported by Union Association	919 83	
Virginia received	735 12	
North Carolina received	1872 11	
South Carolina received	349 62	
Georgia received	792 53	
Reported by their State Convention	1403 05	
Alabama received	147 50	
Tennessee Reported by State Convention	1141 58	
Kentucky do do	826 23	
Missouri received	73 47	
Illinois Reported by State Convention	2160 67	
do by Illinois Northern Association	95 61	
Ohio Reported by State Convention	1769 72	
Michigan do do	494 30	
Lower Canada received	5 00	
Brattleboro' Typographical Association, for Comprehensive Commentary sold	400 00	
Interest	154 00	
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	\$50,118 33	
1841. Apr. 15. By Balance from old account	6214 87	

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R. W. MARTIN.

New-York, April 15, 1841.

New-York, April 15, 1841.

This Certifies, that the preceding abstract, showing a balance of \$6,214 87, in the hands of the Treasurer, corresponds, with his regular account, which, with the necessary vouchers, are all correct.

JNO. R. LUDLOW, *Auditor.*

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT IN DETAIL.

Receipts for American Baptist Home Mission Society, from February 1, 1841, to April 15, 1841.

<i>Canada.</i>					
Dr. Spooner, Montreal, through Rev. P. Chase, per Cor. Secretary	\$5 00		Collection at church	4 00	
<i>Massachusetts.</i>			Jas Arthur, per Jas. Bidgood	5 00	
Baptist State Convention, per Wm. D. Ticknor, Esq. Treasurer	200 00		Samuel Mansfield.	2 00	
<i>New-York.</i>			Wm H. Holmes, Suffolk ch.	2 00	
First Baptist church, Troy—collection after sermon by Rev. J. Huckins, through E. Ostrander, per Corresponding Secretary	\$27 00		Wm. D. McClenny do	5 00	
Luke Davies, Sen. pr Cor. Sec.	2 00		Joseph Gwaltney do	50	
Carmel Baptist Miss. Society, Dutchess Co. through Jonathan Cole, Treas. per Corresponding Secretary	32 00		Nathaniel Griffin, do	1 00	
Mrs. B. M. Hill, in part for Life Membership, per Cor. Sec.	10 00		Mrs. Virginia Ann Griffin, Suffolk church	50	
	71 00		A Friend, Suffolk church	10	
<i>New-Jersey.</i>			Robert J. Kee, do	1 00	
New-Jersey State Convention, per P. P. Runyon, Esq. Treasurer, per Cor. Secretary, viz:			Kedar Cherry do	1 00	
Salem Y. L. Home Mission Soc.	\$22 00		Mrs. Martha McClenny, Suffolk church	1 00	
Sandy Ridge Fem. Miss. Soc.	3 37		William McClenny, Western Branch church	2 00	
Henry Miller	3 00		Nathan Walker, West'n Branch church	1 00	
Hurlington church	16 14		James Ely	3 00	
Friend to Missions	50		Joseph G. Council, Tucker's Swamp church	1 00	
	45 01		Rev. Putnum Owen, Tucker's Swamp church	1 00	
<i>Pennsylvania.</i>			Mrs. Sarah Owen, Tucker's Swamp church	1 00	
Young Ladies' Bap. Home Miss. Soc Philadelphia, per Miss Butler, Treas.	50 00		Zechariah Harris, to make his wife Elizabeth J. a Life Member, second installment	5 00	
<i>Virginia.</i>			Rev. J. L. Gwaltney	1 00	
Baptist church, Norfolk, for Texan Miss. through the Rev. J. B. Breed, per Corresponding Secretary	11 00		Newville church	6 50	
Collections by Otis Briggs, Agent			Jonathan Bailey, in part to make himself a L. Member	15 00	
Edward Laud	5 00		Wm Brown, Racoon Swamp church, to make his wife Mary a L. Member, 1st instal.	10 00	
Captain John Overstreet	2 00		Nicholas Jarrat, on old subscr'n	5 00	
John Petty	2 00		Rebecca Brown	1 25	
A Friend, (all he had)	37		Mary Malone	5 00	
Rev. George Norris	2 00		Richard Green Tucker, Stoney Creek Warehouse P. O. Sussex co. balance of sub. for L. Membership, by Sapony ch. per Frederick Tucker	5 00	
George Norris	1 00		Jonathan Bailey, Parham's St's P. O. Sussex co. per Fred'k Tucker, Balance to make himself a L. Member	15 00	
William Hunter	3 00		Charles Loomis, Petersburg	1 00	
Charles Brock	1 00		Catharine H. Boutwell, per Wm. Sands, on old subscr'n	10 00	
Collection Kempsville church	1 41				173 13
Daniel Sherley	1 00		<i>North Carolina.</i>		
Peter W. Johnson	50		Collections by Otis Briggs.		
William J. Wright, Shoulder's Hill church	1 00		Rouben Troy Sanders, Esq. Basbees' Store P. O. to make his wife Eliza Caroline a Life Member, (first installment)	\$6 00	
Willis Bidgood, Shoulder's Hill church	8 00		Miss Betsey Sanders, Smithfield	2 50	
John T. Bidgood, Shoulder's Hill church	4 00		Miss Julia Sanders do	2 50	
Richard Carney, Esq. Shoulder's Hill church	10 00		Rev. Jesse Powell	4 00	
James Bidgood, Shoulder's Hill church	2 00		Mrs. Murtha Pope	1 00	
Joseph Deans, Shoulder's Hill church	1 00		Miss Ann L. Pope	1 00	
Moses Mears, Should's Hill ch.	1 00		Dr. Golwin C. Moore, Mar-freesborough, to make his wife Julia a Life Member	20 00	
Jas. H. Carney, do	2 00		Solomon Merrill	1 00	
Jas. Wilder, do	1 00				
Wm. Higginbotham do	1 00				

Lewis Bond, Esq. Windsor, Ber-	
tie county, balance of sub-	
scription for Life Membersh.	12 00
Jonathan Taylor	4 00
David Cobb	0 50
Turner Horn	1 00
James Ward	20 00
David Parker, per Samuel J.	
Wheeler, Murfreesborough	5 00
Tillman D. Vann,	10 00
Jethro W. Barnes, Esq.	5 00
Isaac P. Freeman	5 00
Solomon Rountree, Gatesville	1 00
John M. Sheppard, Sunbury,	
Gates co. in full for L. Mem.	20 00
Nathan Reddick, in part for	
Life Membership	5 00
Jethro H. Reddick, Esq. in full	
for Life Membership	10 00
Thomas Warf, Edenton	1 00
Mrs. Elizabeth Bonner	3 00
Mrs. Rebecca Blunt, Edenton,	
second instal. for L. Mem.	10 00
Mrs. Mary M. Wood, Hert-	
ford, second instalment for	
Life Membership	9 00
Mrs. Mary Eliza Wood	1 00
Willis Etheridge	1 00
William W. Sanderlin	10 00

181 50

South Carolina.

Allen E. McIver, Society Hill,	
being two instalments for	
L. Membership, per I. M. Al-	
len, Gen. Ag't A. & F. B. So.	10 00
Collections per H. A. Wilcox,*	
viz:—	
Mrs. E. A. Yates, Charleston,	
in part for L. Membership	5 00
T. Tupper, Charleston	10 00
Wm. T. Brantley, Charleston	5 00
S. Mowrey do	5 00
Mr. Hobson do	5 00

Mr. Seemore, Charleston	5 00
Miss Keith do	5 00
Dr. Mendenhall do	5 00
Mr. Lord do	2 00
Mr. Bartlett do	2 00
Mrs. Reynolds do	2 00
Mr. L. Brown do	2 00
Mrs. E. S. Moore do	5 00
Mr. B. T. Lawton, Robertville,	
Beaufort District	1 00
Colonel Lawton, Robertville,	
Beaufort District	2 00
Mr. George Lawton, Robert-	
ville, Beaufort District	25
Mr. Samuel Riley, Robertville,	
Beaufort District	1 00
Rev. J. O. B. Dargan, Darling-	
ton	5 00
Martha Fenton, Columbia	1 00
Dr. S. Blanding do	5 00
Thomas Park, do	5 00
Mrs. Hunt, do	4 00
Mrs. Meek, do	1 00
Mr. Lyle	5 00

98 25

* Several other donations have been reported by brother Wilcox; and his remittance is expected shortly. They will be reported in the Quarterly Paper for August.

Alabama.

Collections per Wm. M. Tryon,
Missionary Agent

46 50

Missouri.

Collections per R. Winchell,
Agent

73 47

943 86

*Account of Moneys received from April 15th, to May 1.**Canada.*

Mr Seymour, St. Armand, per
Rev. P. Chase 2 00

Vermont.

J. D. Farnsworth, Esq. N. Fair-
fax, per Rev. B. M. Hill 5 00

Massachusetts.

Mrs. Horn, Roxbury, per Thos.
F. Cauldicott 5 00

New Bedford, Female Mite So-
ciety, through Mrs. Lydia B.
Greene, to constitute Mrs.
Sarah Roberts a L. Member 30 00

Rhode Island.

E. H. Thurston, Providence, for
James Huckins 20 00

Ladies' Western Association,
Providence, by Laura E.
Pierco, Sec. per Cor. Sec. 100 00

Connecticut.

David H. Hart, Meriden, per
Rev. Archibald MacLay 5 00

New-York.

X. Y. Z. to support a missiona-
ry in the Valley of the Mis-
sissippi, per S. H. Cone 60 00

For Texan Mission 5 00

Oliver-street Female Mission
Society, per Mr. Cauldwell 35 00

35 00

120 00

5 00

First Baptist church, Albany,
to constitute Rev. J. L.
Hodge a L. Mem. pr Cor. Sec. 30 00

Benjamin Halsted, N. Y. to
constitute Rev. A. Wheelock
a L. Member, pr Cor. Sec'y 30 00

Wm. T. James, N. Y. per Cor-
responding Secretary 100 00

East Baptist church, Brooklyn,
per E. L. Taylor 37 00

Clarissa Eddy, Albany, for L.
Membership, per Cor. Sec'y 30 00

327 00

Pennsylvania.

Thos. Rawlings, Philadelphia,
per B. R. Loxley 10 00

Johnson Tolman, Philadelphia
per B. R. Loxley 20 00

Thos. Rawlings, Philadelphia,
per B. R. Loxley 5 00

Hannah B. Rawlings, Philadel.
per B. R. Loxley, for Texas 1 00

36 00

Maryland.

Collection in Calvert-st. church,
Baltimore, after sermon, by
Dr. Chapin of Washington
College, D. C. 73 12

John K. Rowe, Baltimore, for
L. Membership, pr Cor. Sec. 30 00

103 12

District of Columbia.
James McCutchen, Edgetown,
per B. R. Lozley

Virginia.

James C. Cole, Halifax, per John P. Stagg & Co.	43 25
Collections by Oils Briggs, ag't viz:	
Rev. Joseph Starks, Richmond	10 00
George Coxe do	3 00
Edward Garthright	2 00
Edward M. Bradley	50
Rev. Joseph Carter, Richmond	10 00
John Carter, Jr.	3 00
Miss Elizabeth M. Binsford	50
Sundry persons at Bear Swamp church	5 88
Dr. John Royston	2 00
Mrs. Susan Royston	1 00
Mrs. Elizabeth Hill	1 00
Dr. John G. Carter	5 00
Mrs. Maria Southall	1 00
Mrs. Lulildee Cartor	1 00
Wm. M. Jones, James City	5 00
Rev. Siervant Jones, Williams- burg, 1st instalment to make himself a L. Director	25 00
Mary Ann Hilliard	2 00
Rev. John O. Turpin, Aylett's P. O.	1 00
Mrs. Martha B. Turpin, do	1 00
Richard Gwaltney, do	5 00
Mrs Eliz'h T. Gwaltney, do 2d installment by her hus- band, Dr. Wm. G. to make her a Life Member	10 00
Mrs. Francis Ann Fauntleroy, Aylett's P. O. by her hus- band. Thos. F. 1st instal- ment to make her a L. Mem.	5 00
Sarah B. Haynes, Bruington, King and Queen county, by her husband, Thomas H. Esq. two last instalments, to make her a Life Member	20 00
Priscilla B. Smith, Clarkston P. O. by her husband James Smith, Esq. last instalment to make her a Life Member, per Richard Bagby, Esq.	10 00
Dr. Zachary Lewis	5 00
Robert Spencer, Little Ply- mouth, P. O. King & Queen county, to make himself a Life Member	20 00
Elizabeth E. Towell, Sandy Bottom, P. O. Middlesex co. by her husband Mark W. balance to make her a L. M.	20 00
Larkin Hanly, Glebe Landing church	2 00
James Semple, Esq. Miller's P. O. Essex county	5 00
Mrs. Dorothy Garnett, do. bal. to make herself a L. member	15 00
George Wright, Esq. Roxbury P. O. Essex county	2 00
Wm. Thornton Brooks, Loretto P. O. Essex county	5 00
John B. Todd, Bowling Green P. O. Caroline county, to make himself a L. member, 1st instalment	15 00
Theodoric Garrett	1 00
Mrs. Fanny Reynolds	12
John Terrill, per Mr. Warren, Fredericksburg	3 00

4 50

Boulah ch. per Mr. Richard
(Gwaltney, viz.

T. C. Moore	1 00
Carter Mahon	1 00
M. P. Dabney	50
R. R. Horn	25
E. Eubank	1 00
Miss Mary E. Temple	2 00
C. W. Robinson	50
M. Burton	50
Miss Lucy Robinson	50

273 50

North Carolina.

Mrs. Elizabeth Washington,
Newbern, balance to consti-
tute herself a Life member,
per Rev. Mr. Finch

20 00

South Carolina.

Edgefield Baptist Association,
through the Rev. Wm. B.
Johnson, pr I. M. Allen

25 00

Georgia.

J. G. Binney, Savannah Draft
for collection \$50—less dis-
count \$0 93

49 00

Missouri.

Collections by R. Winchell,
Agent, viz:

Mrs. Martha Carson, Retreat, Marion county	1 00
Thomas E. Hatcher, Palmyra Palmyra Baptist church, by Wm. Wright	1 00
Several persons of Bethel ch.	3 00
Little Union Bap. church, by A. Lafaran	87
Dabney Bolles, Bethel church	2 50
Rensselaer Winchell, Green- field, Shelby county	25
Collecti'n at Woodlawn, Pratts county	1 00
Collection at Cape Girardeau	3 53
Do Apple Creek Cape Girardeau county	9 75
Collection at Potosi, Washing- ton county	75
	5 94

20 50

Illinois.

Donations through Illinois State
Convention, pr Rev. J. M. Peck.

Appropriation from the Con- vention to John M. Peck	30 00
Feef's Creek ch. Mo. paid J. M. Peck	12 25
A Gentleman in Kentucky, paid J. M. Peck	3 00
J. M. Peck, to constitute him- self a Life Director	100 00
J. M. Peck, to constitute W. F. Boyakin, Life member	30 00
J. M. Peck, in part to consti- tute J. E. Welch, L. memb.	24 75

200 00

Collections by John Peck, Gen. Agent,
during his Western and Southern
tour.

New-York.

Stephentown Asso. Collection	60 50
Dea. S. A. Curtis, Canaan	5 00

65 50

Ohio.

Cleveland church and soc. Coll.	20 00
Lebanon church do	10 00
D. E. Statham, Cincinnati	1 00
Joseph Hildreth, do	1 00

32 00

Kentucky.
 General Association. Collection 22 00
 Bowling Green church, do 10 20

Mississippi.
 Columbus church and society. to
 make Rev. J. Armstrong L.D. 109 25
 Young Ladies in Miss Rundle's
 School 3 25
 Colored People, Columbus 5 75

Tennessee.
 Nashville church and society 15 00
 J. H. Marshal 3 00
 Columbia church collection 4 00

Alabama.
 Tusculum church collection 5 50
 Rev. J. L. Dagg, Tuscaloosa, to
 make his wife a Life Member 20 00
 W. A. Thompson, Tuscaloosa, 5 00
 Lewis and wife, col'd people, do 1 50
 James Abbot, do do 1 00
 Tuscaloosa ch. and soc. col'n 30 60
 W. J. Croom, Greensboro, 5 00
 Rev. James Devotee, Marion 1 00
 Felix N. Tarrant, do 2 00
 Mrs. Mary C. Griffin, do 3 00
 Mrs. Julia A. Barron, do 12 25
 T. Parron, a little boy do 20
 Four Young Ladies, do 55
 Lucinda Tarrant, do 1 00
 James F. Whitten, Selma 5 00
 Eliza Blasingame, Marion 1 00
 Montgomery church and soc. col. 25 70
 Do for Texas, to make R. W. C.
 Crane a Life Director 33 00
 Abner Megehee, Montgomery 5 00

Georgia.
 Columbus church and soc. col. 13 70
 Br. McCloud, Thomaston 50
 Individuals in Washington 17 20
 Monticello church collection 6 00
 W. H. Pope, Washington 2 00
 A Friend in Columbus 5 00
 Georgia Missionary Convention,
 per A. Jane, Treasurer 142 68
 Thomas B. Slade, Penfield 5 00
 L. D. Mercer, Palmyra 5 00
 Crawfordsville ch collection 6 02
 Young Man in Greensboro, per
 Mr. Sanford 50
 T. J. Burny, Madison 5 00
 Mrs. Eliza Stokes, do 5 00
 John Peck, do 1 00
 Joel Mercer, Crawfordsville 2 00

32 20

118 25

22 00

158 30

Mrs. Ward, Burke co. per W. H.
 Turpin 5 00
 J. T. Parker, Jefferson co. per do 50
 Thomas Cooper, Eatonton 100 00
 A Friend 200 00
 Augusta ch. and soc. Collection
 to con. Rev. W.T. Brantly, Jr.
 a life member 33 40
 1st Colored Church and society 13 42
 Penfield Church Collection 5 45

54 4

South Carolina.
 Rev. W. B. Johnson, Edgefield 1 00
 E. J. Youngblood, do 2 00
 W. S. Penn, do 2 00
 1st Church, Charleston, 20 25
 Colored People, do 6 87
 2d Church, do 41 00
 Mrs. Elizabeth Brown, do 1 00

74 12

North Carolina.
 Female Friend, Wilmington 1 50
 Mrs. B. Hallet, do 3 00
 Raleigh Church Collection 3 15
 Colored People, do 5 00
 Col. in Wake Forest College 13 87

26 2

Virginia.
 Mrs. E. May, Richmond 1 00
 1st Church Col. do to make
 Rev. J. C. Clopton a Life M. 30 60
 F. J. Barnes, for Texas 5 00
 Fredericksburg Ch. Col. 8 25
 George Rowe, Fredericksburg 2 50

47 3

District of Columbia.
 John Withers, Alexandria 50 00
 Colored Mem. of Ch. in do 2 07
 Mrs. Mary Cawood, do 5 00
 Thomas Eades, a young lad 5 00
 James McCutchen, Georgetown 5 00
 John McCutchen, do 5 00
 Margaret McCutchen, do 5 00
 Mrs. Ann Radcliff, do 2 50
 Samuel Smoot, Washington 2 00
 Wm. Ruggles, Prof. Columbia
 College, Washington 10 00
 1st Church, Washington, bal.
 to make Mrs. O.B. Brown L. M. 23 70
 Navy Yard Church, Washington 5 00

120 87

Maryland.
 E. Cockey, Baltimore 5 00
 Robert R. Armstrong, Baltimore 50 00
 Ebenezer Hubbell, do 1 00
 George R. Dodge, do 5 00
 James M. Slaughter, do 10 00

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APPENDIX.

THE NATURE OF HOME MISSIONS.

From the Annual Report of the Massachusetts Convention.

THE conversion of the world to the Christian faith is a great work. It was begun, and must be completed, by human instrumentality made effectual by the spirit of the Lord. For the perfection of christian character, and for the spread of the gospel among all nations, Christ established his church; and he holds every member of it responsible for his full share of the work. All who love the Lord Jesus can aid, directly or indirectly, in extending his kingdom.

The direct and divinely appointed means for accomplishing this work, is the Christian ministry. Those called of God to preach the gospel, should be men richly furnished with grace, and gifts, and knowledge; and that they give themselves *wholly* to these things, to reading, to meditation, to prayer, and to the ministry of the Word, God has ordained, that they shall live of the gospel. Consequently, those who are taught, are required to communicate to him that teacheth, in all good things. If a minister of the gospel is to live of the gospel, honestly and comfortably, his compensation must be at least sufficient to meet his necessary expenses; and if his people are unable to do thus much for him, they ought not to require or expect his services all the time, unless they can obtain, from some other source, enough to make up the deficiency.

From the Annual Report of the Ohio Convention.

Home Missions, like other departments of Christian effort, are not only truly benevolent and Christian, but they are also truly patriotic. The first planting of most of our churches in this country, was accomplished by labors essentially missionary, though often without the formalities of appointments, and often wholly at the charges of the ministers themselves. And among the institutions which have most essentially promoted the interests of our Zion, have been the domestic mission societies in different sections of our country. Now, happily, such institutions, under different names, exist in nearly every State of the Union. Still as most of them are scarce able to supply the destitution of their immediate locations, and as new states and territories are from time to time organized, there long existed a want of some general society, which should operate as a kind of centre of union—a balance wheel of all these operations, and especially to combine and expend on a liberal scale the surplus means of the stronger and more highly favored churches, in fields inaccessible to the local societies.

Hence the necessity for the formation of the American Baptist Home Mission Society, eight years ago. It has most strongly intrenched itself in the affections of the denomination, and has been immensely useful. The state of Ohio has shared largely in its munificence, and has enjoyed the richest advantages from its efforts. Several of our most prosperous and promising churches were succored in their infancy by it; and if the benefits of the labors of its itinerant missionaries are less palpable and definable, there can be no doubt of their great value.

THE UTILITY OF HOME MISSIONS.

From the Annual Report of the Pennsylvania Convention.

The time was when missionary efforts were regarded with suspicion. To those who were zealously devoted to this work, selfish and interested motives were attributed. Then the friends of missions had patiently to endure the obloquy and scorn with which themselves and their pious labors were regarded, and meekly to meet imputations, which were as shameful as they were unwarranted. But those times of

ignorance and error are gone (we hope) never to return. May the shades of eternal oblivion rest upon them; or, if they be remembered, as the cautious mariner remembers the shoals and obstructions which impede and make navigation dangerous, only to be avoided, so may they be remembered.

The utility of Missions is now almost universally admitted by Christians. When we reflect that the spirit of Missions is so strongly intrenched behind the Bible, that it cannot be successfully attacked until a thousand express declarations are expunged from the sacred pages, it is indeed remarkable that any one should attempt the invasion of its territories. The visitations of angels, the ministry of the prophets, the work of the Holy Spirit, and especially the life of the Redeemer, furnish invincible arguments to sustain the cause of Missions. Its influence upon the churches where it is cherished is excellent. It sweeps away every selfish and narrow feeling. It reminds the Christian that the "field is the world"—that all men are his brethren,—that multitudes are perishing in their sins. It awakens his sympathies, invigorates his prayers, and expands his benevolence.

Our sphere of operations does not embrace its millions. But is it the less important on that account? We do not dare appeal to your passions, nor to your temporal interests. We might do it with confidence of success. We have better motives. We can appeal to your judgment. If it be correct that a farm of one thousand acres is of less value to its owner than one of five hundred acres, when the latter is fifty per cent. more productive than the former; then, inasmuch as we know that no foreign field can be designated, however large, in which an equal number of missionaries, at the same expense, have had greater success than our own, we cannot see why the foreign enterprise should receive a more liberal support than the domestic. The statement has been publicly made, that, in ten years, by the missionaries of Pennsylvania, under God, *between four and five thousand souls were hopefully converted*; and the sum total of the expense of these missionaries was only \$14,500!

We hope that we shall be understood. We have no disposition to make invidious comparisons, nor to depreciate foreign efforts. For them we have great sympathy. They receive our fervent prayers, and our liberal contributions. We want to do more for them; and the conviction, that in proportion as we extend our influence, and multiply our churches at home, will be the amount of our assistance abroad, is one reason that prompts us to enlarge the field of our domestic operations.

SUCCESS OF HOME MISSIONS.

From the Annual Report of the Illinois Convention.

LET US THANK GOD AND TAKE COURAGE! Ten years ago, on the 16th of October, the first "Union Meeting" was held in Edwardsville, at the call of three feeble churches, numbering only 77 members, (Edwardsville, Rock Spring and Upper Alton,) to hold conference on the condition of the Baptist denomination in Illinois, and the measures necessary to produce union and mutual co-operation. The South District and North District were then the only Associations in existence, that now co-operate with our Convention. From that feeble beginning originated the Baptist Convention of Illinois, which now embraces in its system of co-operation fifteen Associations, of which three have been organized within three months. And it will be kept in mind that this increase, in a great degree, has resulted from the blessing of God on missionary labor, either the voluntary contributions of the ministry, or by aid of the Home Mission Society and this Convention. Again, we say, LET US THANK GOD AND TAKE COURAGE.

RESOLUTIONS OF AUXILIARIES.

Connecticut Convention.

Brother I. R. Steward, Chairman of the Committee on Home Missions, reported the following Preamble and Resolutions,—which, after several very interesting and affecting addresses, were unanimously adopted:

Preamble.—Notwithstanding the urgent and important claims of the Foreign Mission enterprise,—yet it should not be forgotten that we have millions in our own

country who are destitute of the stated preaching of the gospel;—millions who speak our own language—who have no national prejudices to encounter—no established customs of idolatry to root out,—who are native Americans, and bone of our bone and flesh of our flesh. It should not be forgotten that in our land are also thousands of foreigners destitute of the word of life; and that, from the perishing—from more than a thousand points, is heard the Macedonian cry, “Come over and help us.” Surely, if the destitution of our country was fully realized, we should soon learn that the Home Missionary Society have a great work to perform:—especially as the British Provinces, on the north, and Texas, on the south, are looking to this Society to supply them with the bread of life: therefore

Resolved, That this Convention most heartily approve of the designs of the American Baptist Home Mission Society, and pledge ourselves to sustain it with our prayers, our sympathies, and our liberal contributions.

General Association of Kentucky.

The following Resolution, presented by the committee on resolutions, and sustained in an appropriate speech by Elder Peck, was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That we regard with heartfelt gratitude to God, the success that has attended the efforts of the American Baptist Home Mission Society, to supply the destitute portions of this country with the preaching of the gospel; and pledge to that Society our prayers, our sympathies, and our co-operation in their great and benevolent enterprise.

Ohio Convention.

1 *Resolved*, That this Convention deem the organization of the American Baptist Home Mission Society a most fortunate era in the history of the Baptist denomination;—its location most eligible;—its administration wise and liberal; and its continuance in the same place, and its liberal support, most important.

2 *Resolved*, That this Convention entertain a grateful sense of the seasonable and valuable aid which the churches of Ohio have received from that Society.

3. *Resolved*, That notwithstanding the numerous claims on that society from other quarters, this Convention deem it of great importance that the society should not at present withdraw its patronage from Ohio; and especially that in addition to its present amount of appropriations in this state, it aid in sustaining an agent of this Convention.

Vermont Convention.

Resolved, That this Convention continues to regard the American Baptist Home Mission Society with heartfelt interest; particularly as the principal field of its operations is a portion of our beloved country which is occupied to a considerable extent by those who are dear to us in natural affection; and from whence those influences must emanate which will affect the moral and political character of our whole nation; we believe, therefore, that it is the duty of our churches to cherish it as one of our most important organizations for benevolent purposes.

THE LABORERS ARE FEW.

Extract of a letter from a Missionary in Indiana.

From all Northern Indiana, the Macedonian cry may be heard, “Come over and help us.” There are a number of county seats located at most important points, where a Baptist minister would be welcomed, and with a little assistance from abroad supported. The American Baptist Home Mission Society is doing much for this state, and a great deal more needs to be done. The country will soon be densely populated, and now is the time to possess the land. But those who labor in northern Indiana, may expect difficulties and privations, no greater, however, than in other places, have been encountered and overcome. An intelligent and pious minister would be blessed as an instrument in advancing the cause of Jesus, and that would be an abundant reward for all his sufferings. The people are social and benevolent, and he must be so too, if he would sustain himself. Men who labor in this section of the

state, may expect to preach to an intellectual people, those who will scan their sermons closely. We do hope our brethren in the ministry who are seeking a place for usefulness, will visit this section of the state.

A CHEAP AND COMFORTABLE MEETING HOUSE.

One of our missionaries at the west, describes a Meeting House, which his people have recently erected, thus: "It is 30 by 40 feet, covered by two inch plank placed perpendicularly, rabbeted in the sill and plate, and tongued and grooved. These being dressed inside, answer for ceiling, and are weather-boarded outside. It is considered a cheap and improved plan for new settlements."

THE AUXILIARY SYSTEM.

The constitution of the American Baptist Home Mission Society contains ample provisions for an auxiliary relation with any Baptist domestic missionary body. In view of those provisions the Society has acted, to some extent, from the period of its organization, with great benefit to young and feeble churches, and new settlements in various parts of the country. As with all other societies of a similar character, in the infancy of their history, various modifications in the details of their auxiliary operations have been found necessary; but the experience of several years, aided by the counsels of brethren in different portions of the country, has enabled the Executive Committee to adapt those operations to the various circumstances under which the auxiliaries are found to exist, and to offer a foundation for pleasant and efficient co-operation in Home Missions throughout the denomination.

Some of the leading features of our auxiliary system have been presented from time to time in our Annual reports and Quarterly papers; and more particularly, in various weekly papers, about a year ago, by our devoted General Agent, John Peck; but as explanation is still sometimes requested, it is deemed expedient, in this number of the Annual Report to offer extended remarks upon the subject, for the benefit of all inquirers. This we propose to do by showing the constitutional provisions for the auxiliary relation, and the plan of proceeding in financial operations and missionary appointments by the Executive Committee, in carrying out the benevolent designs of the Society; accompanying the same with explanatory remarks.

CONSTITUTIONAL PROVISIONS.

"ARTICLE 7. Any Baptist Missionary Society may become auxiliary, by agreeing to pay into the Treasury of this Society the whole of its surplus funds, and sending to the Corresponding Secretary a copy of its constitution and annual reports, mentioning the names of its missionaries, and the fields of their operations."

Remarks.—This article applies to any State Convention, General Association, or other body having in view the management or superintendence of domestic missions, and, although it requires the surplus funds of the body applying, in order to become auxiliary, the destitution of such funds does not prevent the auxiliary relation. If an auxiliary expend all its funds for missionary purposes within its own limits, it is presumed they are advantageously disposed of,—the work of missions is performed in that field to the extent of the means appropriated, without the intervention of the general Society. But, if, after appropriating what is thought proper by the auxiliary, for their own state or district, a balance remain in their treasury, it is expected that it will be sacredly transmitted to our treasurer for general purposes.

The requisition for the constitution, annual reports, and information of domestic operations, is obviously important and necessary. It will enable the parent society to understand the nature of the organization of each auxiliary, and learn and report the whole amount of missionary labor performed by all its members.

"ARTICLE 8. Every auxiliary society who shall agree to pay the whole of its funds to this society, shall be entitled to a missionary or missionaries, to labor in such field as it may designate, to an amount at least equal to that of its contributions: provided such designation be made at the time of payment."

Remarks.—This article is specific in its object. It contemplates an auxiliary which, for any reason, prefers to avail itself of the aid of the Society's Executive Committee in promoting missionary interests. A variety of considerations may lead an auxiliary to such a preference. The Executive Committee having frequently before them numerous applications from ministers for appointment, might often better supply an auxiliary, than the auxiliary could itself. Or the auxiliary may not possess sufficient funds to meet the necessities of their own state or district, and, therefore, place the whole in the treasury of the Society, in order that an addition may be made to it: for the provision is, that it shall be entitled to an appropriation "at least equal to that of its contributions." Or the auxiliary might regard it as of paramount importance for the Society to supply the destitution of the new settlements in the West, in Canada or Texas. This is the case with some auxiliaries in churches, and might be with others of a more general nature.

"ARTICLE 9. The officers of auxiliary societies shall be *ex-officio* directors of this Society, and their members shall be members of this Society."

Comment upon this article is unnecessary

FINANCIAL OPERATIONS.

1. The Constitution of the Society contains three restrictions on the Executive Committee in the disposal of funds. First, in the 5th article, requiring "that all moneys contributed for any specific purpose shall be faithfully applied only to that particular object" Second, in the 8th article, which has already been mentioned; and third, what is implied in the 2d article, to expend the funds "to promote the preaching of the gospel in North America." With these restrictions the whole amount of the Society's funds are subject to the disposal of the Executive Committee, who, having the whole field before them, will always endeavor to distribute them as the necessities of the different portions of that field demand.

2. Their rule of action is, to give no prospective pledges of general appropriations, but "as far as the means of the Society will allow, all requests from auxiliaries shall be granted (having respect to a fair division of funds among the states, and providing for the contingencies in the 5th and 8th articles of the Constitution) for the aid of ministers, churches, or destitute places."

3. In determining what is a fair division of funds, the ability of the auxiliary to supply its own destitution, and the advance of the missionary spirit among them, are taken into consideration.

4. For the collection of funds the Society is dependent upon the voluntary contributions of individuals, churches, and other bodies, either auxiliary or otherwise; but its chief dependence is found to rest upon its own Collecting Agents, who, in general, are efficient, not only in obtaining subscriptions, but also in exciting activity in the auxiliaries, and greatly aiding their agents when they employ them.

5 "As a general rule," all agents appointed and paid by the Society, are required to deposit the funds collected in our treasury, or that of the State Convention where the collections are made, at the direction of the Committee on Agencies and Finance. But in all the latter cases, the amount so deposited is subject to the order of the Executive Committee for the support of the Society's missionaries in those states, to the amount appropriated for that purpose, and the surplus, if any, for general purposes."

6. In this arrangement two objects are contemplated. First, to avoid the risk and exchanges frequently arising on the transmission of funds from distant states. And, secondly, to render the payment of salaries convenient to the missionaries.

7. There are two classes of auxiliaries, viz.: those which sustain domestic missions within their own borders, and aid the Society in addition by their surplus funds and extra contributions; and those which, in conducting such missions, are aided by the Society.

8. In general, the funds of auxiliaries of the first class are collected and paid in their treasury by their own agents, or primary societies, and the surplus transmitted to ours by their treasurer. But frequently our agents are encouraged to make extra collections within their boundaries; in which case the amount collected is paid directly into our treasury.

9. All extra contributions, obtained in any way within the borders of such auxiliaries will be, if desired by the auxiliary, passed to the credit of the donor, *through the auxiliary*. This plan is adopted by one of the principal auxiliaries, and is the one which it is desirable should be universally adopted, as, in that case, all those bodies

would receive credit in the reports of the Society's treasurer for the entire amount collected within their boundaries.

10. Extra efforts to obtain funds for general purposes are seldom made within the borders of auxiliaries of the second class ; but when made, the same course can be taken in giving credit for funds obtained.

11. In certain cases, if an auxiliary, having missionaries of their own to sustain, desires the aid of an agent of the Society in collecting funds in their state, an arrangement can be made so as that from the funds collected, the whole or a part of the amount necessary for the purposes of that auxiliary shall be deposited in its treasury, and subject to its order ; and the balance of collections transmitted to the general treasury ; or, if the Society also have missionaries there, deposited in the treasury of the auxiliary for the payment of those missionaries' salaries.

12. It is expected that all auxiliaries will direct their treasurers to receive deposits of funds from any source to the credit of the Society, and provide for their safe-keeping and prompt payment, to the order of the Executive Committee of the Society.

MISSIONARY APPOINTMENTS.

1. The Executive Committee appoints missionaries, and collects funds in states where there are auxiliaries of the Society, and those also where there are none. In the latter cases the Committee necessarily exercises its discretion in the selection of missionaries and places to aid, and the labor to be performed.

2. Where there are auxiliaries, it is expected they will, as far as they are able, prosecute the necessary domestic mission operations within the territory they occupy. If, however, they are unable to extend those operations as far as their necessities demand, the Society holds itself in readiness to aid them according to its ability,—having reference to the necessities of other auxiliaries, or portions of the country. In such cases, it is expected that their Board of Managers will nominate all persons residing within their boundaries for missionary appointment, stating or causing to be stated all the information required under the head of "applications for aid," following ; and (unless special arrangements are made by the Executive Committee) select the fields of such as may be sent among them by the Committee, from other places ; that they will direct and superintend the labors of all the Society's missionaries, so far as not to contravene the instructions of the Executive Committee ; and advise the Committee, annually, respecting the re-appointment of all missionaries sustained by the Society in their territory, previous to the expiration of their appointment. They will also (*as is expected of every auxiliary*) give prompt notice of all ministers who would be useful as missionaries or agents, and are desirous of being employed as such, and all destitute places within their borders requiring attention ; furnish an annual report of all their proceedings, the amount and expense of missionary labor performed under their exclusive direction, the names of their missionaries, fields of labor, and all such information as they possess to facilitate the designs of the Society.

APPLICATIONS FOR AID.

1. It is expected of every church, or destitute settlement, desiring aid of the Society, that they will make application directly to the Corresponding Secretary, accompanying the same with statements of the name of the church or settlement ; the town, county, and state in which it is situated ; the post-office address of one of the committee applying ; the number of inhabitants in the town or settlement ; the probable number attached to the Baptist denomination ; the number of communicants in the church (if there be one) or settlement ; and average number of attendants on public worship ; the name (in full) of the minister they have in view ; his post-office address ; age ; the number of his family (if he have one ;) the credentials he bears ; the total amount of salary necessary for his support ; the portion of that salary which they will engage for the given time ; the least amount that will suffice from the Society for the same period ; the date when it is desirable his appointment should commence, and any peculiar circumstances in their case to illustrate the necessity of their application.

2. These statements should be accompanied by the recommendation of one or more ministers, or prominent persons, known by some of the Executive Committee ; or, in case the church or settlement is located within the bounds of a State Convention, Association, or Society auxiliary to this, should procure the recommendation of its board of managers. See "To Correspondents," page 68, 2d paragraph.

3. The same information respecting individuals, salary, &c., and the same recommendations as above are expected from ministers who apply for appointment in their own name ; and the same information, in all respects, is expected of all auxiliaries, when they nominate persons for appointment.

4. As the appropriations of the Society are made, in general, for twelve months, if a renewal is desired, by either churches, settlements, or ministers, a new application should be seasonably made, accompanied with information of the results of the previous year's assistance, and recommendations from similar sources. The application of a missionary who is laboring with any particular church, must be accompanied by that of the church also. Any alteration in the details of a previous arrangement should be particularly mentioned.

5. All missionaries appointed by the Executive Committee are expected to labor and report according to the instructions given them from time to time, directly to the Corresponding Secretary.

6. Those appointed to labor within the boundaries of an auxiliary, will be placed under its direction and superintendence, so far, at least, as that the instructions of the Society are not contravened; report to their board of managers as often as they require, and furnish them a copy of the reports made to the Corresponding Secretary of the parent society.

REMARKS.

Here, then, are provisions for co-operation between the Society and its auxiliaries, of the most liberal character; calculated on one hand to enlarge the operations of the Society, and greatly promote the benevolent designs of its founders; and on the other, adapted to the condition and necessities of the various auxiliaries throughout the country. In constituting the board of managers of the auxiliaries, nominating and recommending committees, we insure to the churches at large a prudent disbursement of the funds committed into our hands; and to the auxiliaries themselves, provided the territory they attempt to superintend is not too extensive, appointments of the most efficient character attainable, and appropriations, when the treasury admits, commensurate with their necessities. In addition to which, it will be seen, that those auxiliaries which cultivate their own domestic field, and contribute to the Society their surplus funds, may be aided to carry out their benevolent designs towards such as are more dependent.

Under such arrangements it will be further seen that the missionaries of the Society virtually become the missionaries of the auxiliaries, and their's, the missionaries of the Society. It forms one common interest in Home Mission operations, concentrates the energies, ability and piety of the denomination, and forms a bond of union among us at once strong in its influences upon the benefactors, and simple and efficient in its operations on the beneficiaries.

This occasion is improved to invite all the State Conventions, General Associations, and other domestic missionary bodies, not already thus related, to become auxiliary to the American Baptist Home Mission Society.

Several conventions and missionary societies have co-operated with the Society, as auxiliaries, a number of years—some of them from its organization; and they have nobly sustained it amidst all the vicissitudes which it has experienced. Although the entire benefits of their auxiliaryship cannot be estimated in this world, yet, in looking over the history of the Society, the prosperous condition of many churches; the moral and social happiness of numberless villages and towns, and the moral elevation attained even by States can be traced, to a considerable extent, to that source.

There are several others, however, which have not entered into the auxiliary relation. Being, in general, active and successful in enlarging Zion within their own territorial limits, they have either overlooked the subject altogether, or considered it not sufficiently important or expedient to require such a step. But if union is strength; and if the union of a portion of those bodies has been productive of so much benefit, might not much more be expected were the whole combined in one great organization for mutual counsel and aid, concentrating at one point official information of the labors, contributions, and success of each?

It is admitted that generous pecuniary aid has been extended to the Society by churches and individuals in States where there are conventions and general associations not auxiliary, and it may be thought by some that this is co-operation of the most valuable sort. That it is valuable, all admit, but the inquiry returns, Would not the success of the Society's operations be far more effectually and rapidly promoted if, with that aid, such a reciprocity in counsel and action among all our domestic missionary bodies could be established, which an identity of interest, arising from the auxiliary relation, as explained in this article, would naturally produce?

The subject is submitted to the consideration of all such bodies, with the hope that at the earliest period practicable, they will enter into the proposed relation with us.

Missionary bodies, disposed to become auxiliary, have only to add a clause to that effect in their constitution, immediately following the appellation of the body. Or, to pass substantially the following resolution.

Resolved, That this ——— become auxiliary to the American Baptist Home Mission Society, "according to the seventh article of its Constitution." A copy of which resolution, with the constitution and list of officers of the body passing it, should be sent to the Corresponding Secretary at New-York as soon as consistent.

It is apprehended that some missionary bodies have become auxiliary to the Society, notice of which has not been forwarded to us, or has miscarried. We respectfully request, if the name of any such auxiliary does not appear in the Annual Report, that notice of the fact may be communicated as soon as practicable to the Corresponding Secretary; stating also, if convenient, the period when it became so, &c.

TO SECRETARIES OF AUXILIARIES.

The Secretaries of all auxiliary bodies are respectfully requested to lay the foregoing before the Board of Managers with which they are respectively connected, on their first meeting after its reception, in order that such arrangements may be made as are necessary to carry out our plan of co-operation. As soon as we are informed of the readiness of the Board to act upon the plan, we shall instruct our missionaries accordingly.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

As informal applications for appointments or appropriations are frequently received by the Executive Committee, and as such applications occasion loss of time to the applicants, and often considerable extra postage to the Committee, it is thought proper to inform all applicants, whether ministers, churches, or others, that, without special reasons, the Executive Committee do not feel at liberty to depart from the preceding rules of action.

In deliberating upon applications for aid, preference will be given by the Committee to the nominations or recommendations of the boards of managers of auxiliary bodies. Next, in States or Territories where there are no auxiliaries, to the "Boards" of Conventions or General Associations; or, if circumstances prevent the action of those Boards, of their Secretaries. And when these do not exist in any State or Territory, then such other as are named under the head of "applications for aid."

☞ The receipt of all applications for aid, made conformably with the foregoing rules, will be immediately acknowledged by mailing a copy of the Quarterly Paper, or a letter, if specially requisite, to the address of the applicant. The application will be submitted to the proper Standing Committee, and to the Executive Committee at their earliest subsequent meeting; and the success of it communicated to the applicant immediately afterwards.

☞ The receipt of INFORMAL applications will be acknowledged by forwarding a copy of the Quarterly Paper, (unless a letter is necessary,) folded in a green wrapper: in which case, the proper course for the applicant will be, to follow the directions given under the head of "applications for aid," and forward another application.

As a general thing, a single sheet of paper is sufficient to contain all the writing necessary in an application, and when it is remembered that our letters usually come from distances where they are marked with the highest amount of postage, it will be seen that we are not unreasonable in requesting our correspondents to bear this point in mind. It is submitted to the judgment of correspondents, whether such applications should come to us post paid.

TO DOMESTIC MISSIONARY BODIES.

The Secretaries of *all* the State Conventions, General Associations, or other Domestic Missionary Societies, will be furnished with a copy of the Annual Report or Quarterly Paper, in order that it may be presented to their respective Boards of Managers for consideration; and, if the auxiliary system it contains is approved by them, to be made the basis of measures for the bodies they represent to become auxiliary to the American Baptist Home Mission Society.

The favorable attention of those Secretaries to the subject is respectfully requested.

TO MISSIONARIES.

All Missionaries of the American Baptist Home Mission Society, laboring within the limits of an auxiliary body, will please, at their earliest convenience after receiving a copy of the auxiliary system, report themselves to the Secretary of such auxiliary, and consider themselves under the direction and superintendence of their Board of Managers, according to article 6, of "Applications for Aid."

STATISTICAL TABLES,

Showing the Associations connected with Auxillary Bodies; together with the number of Churches, Ministers and Members; the number Baptized, and the net Increase or Decrease of members in each, during the year reported.

MAINE CONVENTION.

Associations.	Anniversaries	TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING.	No. Churches.	Ord Ministers.	Licentates.	No. Baptized.	Total No. Memb.	Increase.	Decrease.
York		Lyman, 2d Wednesday Sept	27	20	1	210	2050		
Cumberland		Danville, 4th Tuesday August	14	11	4	450	1757		
Oxford		Bethel, 3d Wednesday Sept.	25	18	2	185	1680		
Lincoln		Waldoboro', 3d do	31	27	4	170	3243		
Kennebec		Belgrade, 3d do	23	18	4	115	1425		
Waldo		1st Vassalboro', 2d Wednesa Sep	22	10	2	101	1329		
Hancock		Sullivan, 4th do do	25	14	4	85	2270		
Piscataquis		Dexter, 2d Tuesday September	19	11	3	39	867		
Bowdoinham		2d Bowdoin, 4th Wednesa. Sept	27	28	4	435	2403		
Penobscot		Bangor, 3d do do	26	17	1	149	1554		
Washington		Lubec, 1st do do	22	9	4	307	1912		
Total,			261	161	33	2249	20490		

NEW-HAMPSHIRE CONVENTION.

Newport	13	Acworth, 1st Wedn. Aug. 1841	10	9	1	135	1606		
Dublin	32	Keene, 1st Wednes. Sept. 1841	16	10	2	238	1189		
Meredith	52	N. Hampton, 2d Tues. Sept 1841	25	17	2	123	2029		
Sahsburry	23	Corncord, 3d Wedn Sept. 1841	14	10	4	73	1339		
Milford	14	Wilton, 4th Wedn. Sept. 1841	19	13	3	111	1711		
Portsmouth	13	Plaistow, 1st Wedn. Oct. 1841	14	11	6	334	1519		
Unas. Churches			5	1			164		
Total,			103	71	18	1042	9557		

VERMONT CONVENTION.

Addison County		Ferrisburgh, 4th Wedn. Sept.	12	10		87	1101		
Danville		Hardwick, 3d Wednesday June	23	13		144	1323		
Fairfield		E Enosburgh, 3d Wedn. Sept.	14	8		102	873		
Orton River		Jericho, 1st Thursday in Sept.	15	7		119	1102		
Shaftsbury		Shaftsbury Centre, 1st Wed. June	9	7		87	992		
Vermont		Benson, 1st Wednesday in Oct	12	10		79	1150		
Woodstock		Chester, 4th Wednesday in Sept	23	19		50	2876		
Windham Co.		Jamaica, 3d Wednesday in Sept	14	18		157	1230		
Barre		Vershire, 2d Wednesday in Sept.	13	6		45	443		
Total,			135	98		664	11101		

MASSACHUSETTS CONVENTION.

Associations.	Anniversaries.	TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING.	No. Churches.	Ord. Ministers.	Licentiated.	No. Baptized.	Total No. Memb.	Increase.	Decrease.
Barnstable		2d Wednesday in August	15	10	2	44	1041		
Berkshire		2d Wednesday in October	12	9		34	780		
Boston		3d Wednesday in September	36	29		267	6486		
Franklin		2d Wednesday in September	11	10		10	754		
Old Colony			19	21	1	99	1617		
Salem		Salem, 4th Wednes September	25	19	7	332	4963		
Stephentown		Lebanon Springs, Sept 8, 1841	3	2		6	322		
Sturbridge		4th Wednesday in August	12	15	3	27	1305		
Taunton		4th Wednesday in August	12	9	2	62	1615		
Wendell		4th Wednesday in September	12	9	5	54	1037		
Westfield		1st Wednesday in September	12	16		147	1610		
Worcester		1st Wednesday in August	26	16	2	155	2685		
Unass. Churches			8	6			359		
Total,			210	169	22	1030	28594		

RHODE ISLAND CONVENTION.

Warren | 73 | 2d Wednesday in September | 32 | 31 | 5 | 348 | 5196 | 266 |

CONNECTICUT CONVENTION.

Hartford	2d Church, Suffield	23	13		93	2049	
Fairfield	2d Church, Danbury	10	8		34	905	
New-Haven		15	12		52	1092	
New-London	New-London	19	16	1	104	2243	
Ashford	1st Ashford	16	13	3	26	1798	
Stonington Union	3d Church, Groton	13	10		47	2041	
Total,		96	72	4	356	11021	

NEW-JERSEY CONVENTION.

New-Jersey		26	22		588	3800	522
Central N. Jersey		15	12		298	1669	223
New-York		17	14		171	2236	31
Sussex		9	4		70	1100	61
Hudson River		4	3		26	160	22
Unassociated		2				43	
Total,		73	55		1153	9008	678

NEW-YORK CONVENTION.

Associations.	Anniversaries.	TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING.	No. Churches.	Ord. Ministers.	Licentiate.	No. Baptized.	Total No Memb.	Increase.	Decrease.
Black River		Lowville, 2d Wednesday June 9	30	20	4	424	3302		
Broome & Tioga		Nicholls, do do do	17	13	1	90	1523		
Buffalo		Arcade, 2d Wednes Sept. 8	23	14	3	59	1801		
Bradford		No minutes received							
Canisteo River		Jasper, 2d Wednesday Sept. 8	10	7		30	357		
Cattaraugus		Friendship, Wednes June 30	21	12	7	44	1345		
Cayuga		Fleming, Thursday Sept. 16	17	9	3	276	2121		
Chataugue		Stockton, 2d ch. Wed Sept. 1	25	16	5	102	1635		
Chenango		Oxford & Greene ch. Th Sep. 2	26	20	5	340	2826		
Cortland		McGrawville, Thurs. Sept. 9	20	16	4	229	2527		
Dutchess		North East, Wedn Oct. 6	10	8	2	88	668		
Essex & Champ.		Kesaville, Wedn Oct. 13	17	8	2	113	1618		
Franklin		Gilbertsville, Wedn June 23	23	17	2	139	1905		
Genesee		Warsaw, Tues. June 15	23	20	2	185	2405		
Genesee River		Burns, Thursday June 17	18	18	3	372	1902		
Harmony		Northeast & R pley, Tu Aug. 24	22	17	5	72	1514		
Hudson River		Catskill, Tuesday June 15	43	54	22	1639	8508		
Lake George		Chester, Wednes Sept. 1	11	6	4	68	1186		
Livingston		Richmond, Wednes. June 23	9	9		87	633		
Madison		Clockville, Tuesday Sept. 7	17	26	8	115	2540		
Mohawk River		Pleasant Valley, Wedn. June 9	10	10	1	91	1081		
Monton		Holly, Wednes. Sept. 29	20	19		294	2634		
Niagara		Medina, Wednes. June 9	21	20	1	100	1556		
New-York		Piscataway, N. J., Tues. May 25	19	14		219	*2328		
Oneida		Vernon, Tuesday Aug. 31	28	23	6	182	2990		
Onondaga		Fayetteville, Tues. Sept. 14	20	21	2	199	2294		
Ontario		Canandaigua, 1st ch. Th Sep. 23	21	20	2	198	2158		
Oswego		Fulton, Wednes. June 16	18	14	6	123	1372		
Otsego		Exeter, Wednes. Aug. 25	16	13	3	86	1454		
Rensselaerville		Slansville, Wednes. Sept. 15	21	10	1	120	1094		
Saratoga		Burnt Hills, Tues June 29	23	19	7	304	2828		
Seneca		Ithaca, Wednesday Oct. 6	22	20	3	160	2406		
Stephentown		Lebanon Springs, Wed. Sept. 8	16	16	2	71	1442		
Steuben		Starkey, Dundee, Wed. Sept. 1	22	18		264	2146		
St. Lawrence		Richville, Wednes Sept. 8	26	17	5	210	1982		
Washington Union		Granville, Wedn June 9	20	18	1	142	3029		
Wayne		Wolcott, Tuesday Sept. 21	15	16	2	179	1480		
Worcester		Argusville, Wednes. July 7	12	10	3	58	1003		
Total,			723	608		7424	75576		

* The members in the State of New-Jersey are deducted. The Shaftsbury Association, being almost entirely in Vermont, is omitted.

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TENNESSEE CONVENTION.

Associations.	Anniversaries	TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING.	No. Churches.	Ord Ministers	Licentiates	No. Baptized.	Total No. Memb.	Increase.	Decrease.
Hiwassee			14	7	8		700	100	
Sweetwater			18	16	2		1200	200	
Tennessee			20	18	6		2200	300	
Nolachucky			15	6	1		700		
Holstein			15				800		
Mulberry Gap			15	10			500		
			10	8			300		
East Tennessee			12	10			600		
Duck River			24	11			1400		
Concord			17	12			700		
Total,			140	98	17		9100	600	

OHIO CONVENTION.

Miami	15	7	28	695
Miami	25	5	13	628
Scioto	9	5	26	273
Scioto	15	8	22	541
Mad River	36	14	54	1206
Strait Creek	16	7	170	588
East Fork of Little Miami	14	7	70	1034
Grand River	19	10	57	1192
Columbus	17	14	200	977
Huron	17	13	121	940
Meigs Creek	38	20	175	1743
Rocky River	22	13	107	863
Portage	22	11	74	809
Mohican	12	8	52	386
Wooster	9	9	33	323
Ohio	9	9	141	1040
Zoar	13	10	106	454
Sandusky River	11	6	129	850
Lorain	14	6	60	586
Total,	340	183	1638	14634

Note—The Society, at its last annual meeting, appointed a committee to aid the Secretary in completing the general summary of statistics presented above. Several valuable suggestions were received from that committee, but they were unable to furnish additional statistics, though many had been promised them from various sources.

The above are copied from those Annual Reports of Auxiliaries which contained such matter. Many Reports were entirely destitute of it. These, it will be seen, are very deficient of the information which is now called for by the friends of evangelical effort in our churches; but it is hoped that this attempt to present it will lead to greater success in future.

If each State Auxiliary will, at their annual meetings, adopt efficient measures to obtain the minutes of associations within their borders, and prepare tables like the foregoing, to be printed with their Annual Reports, and send us a copy as soon as printed, we shall very soon be able to show the statistics of those auxiliaries in a condensed form in our Annual Report, and distribute them throughout the churches without expense to individuals.

Any suggestion for the improvement of the tables appearing in printed documents or post paid letters, will receive attention.

MINISTERS DIRECTORS FOR LIFE.

Persons whose names are in italic, have been constituted Directors or Members during the past year.

A

Aldrich, Jonathan, Worcester, Mass. by his church and congregation
Armstrong, James D Baltimore, Md.
Armstrong, John, Columbus, Mi. by his church and society

B

Babcock, Rufus, jr. Poughkeepsie, N. Y.
Ballard, Joseph, South Berwick, Me. by the church in Berwick
Barnaby, James, by the 2nd church and congregation, Lowell, Mass.
Binney, J. G. Savannah, Ga.
Blain, John, Syracuse, N. Y. by the church in Pawtucket, R. I.
**Bolles, Matthew*
Brown, John Newton, New-Hampton, N. H. by the Federal-st. church, Boston, Mass.
Brown, O. B. Washington, D. C. by the 1st church and society
Brown, E. C. Quincey, Ill. by the Juvenile Mission Society, Hudson, N. Y.

C

Carpenter, Mark, Milford, N. Y. by the church and congregation
**Chesman, Daniel*, by the church in Lynn, Mass.
Church, Pharcellus, Rochester, N. Y. by the 2nd church, Providence, R. I.
Cone, Spencer H., N. Y. by the Oliver-street church, N. Y.
Cookson, John, Troy, N. Y. by the church in Middletown, Con.
Crane, W. C. Montgomery, Ala.
**Crawford, Luther*, by the Pine-street church, Providence, R. I.

D

Dagg, John L, Tuscaloosa, by the 5th church and congregation, Philadelphia, Pa.
**Davis, Gustavus F.* Hartford, Con.
Dodge, Daniel, Philadelphia, Pa. by the 1st church and congregation, Newark, N. J.
Dowling, John, Providence, R. I., by the 2nd church, Newport, R. I.
Drake, S. J. Plainfield, N. J. by R. W. Martin, New-York
Dunbar, Duncan, New-York, by the McDougal-street church

E

Eldridge, Daniel, Utica, N. Y. by the Broad-street church, Utica

F

Fletcher, Joshua, Saratoga Springs, N. Y., by the Saratoga Association
**Foster, E.* by the church and congregation, Amesbury, Mass.
**Freeman, E. W.* by the 1st church and congregation, Lowell, Mass.
Freeman, Zenas, by Ladies at Seneca Falls, N. Y.
Fuller, Richard, Beaufort, S. C.
Furman, J. C. Society Hill, S. C. by the Welch Neck church

G

Gillette, A. D. Philadelphia, Pa. by his church and congregation, Philadelphia
Going, Jonathan, President of Granville College, Granville, Ohio, by the church in Worcester, Mass.

H

Hague, William, Providence, R. I. by the 1st church in Boston, Mass.
Hall, J. G. Tenn. for services rendered
Hall, Addison, Kilmarnock, by the Morattico and Wicomoco churches, Va.
**Hammond, O. T.*
Hartwell, Jesse, by the Darlington and Ebenezer churches, S. C.
Hill, Benjamin M. New-York, by the 1st church, Troy, N. Y.
Hill, S. P. Baltimore, Md. by the Sharp-street church
Howard, Leland, North Norwich, N. Y., by the 1st church and congregation, Brooklyn, N. Y.
Huckins, James, Galveston, Texas, by the Ladies' Western Association of 1st church, Providence, R. I.

I

Ide, George B. Philadelphia, Pa. by Ladies of Federal-street church, Boston, Mass.

J

Jackson, Henry, New-Bedford, by the 1st church, Charlestown, Mass.
Jacobs, Bela, by the 1st church, Cambridge, Mass.
James, William T. New-York
Jeter, J. B. by the 1st church, Richmond, Va.

K

Kimball, C. O. Canton, Mass.
***Knowles, James D. by the 2nd church, Boston, Mass.**

L

Laws, William, Baltimore, Md.
Leverett, William, by the church in Roxbury, Mass.
Linsley, James H. Stratford, Con. by the church in Stratford, Con.
Loomis, Ebenezer, Lyme, Con.

M

MacLay, Archibald, New-York, by the church in Mulberry-street, New-York
Magoon, E. L. Richmond, Va. by the 2d church, Richmond, Va.
Malcom, Howard, President of Georgetown College, Georgetown, Ky. by the Federal street church and congregation, Boston, Mass.
Mallary, C. D. Milledgeville, Ga. by the Central Association
Merritt, William H. Chapel Hill, N. C.
Middleton, John, Mendon, by the East church, New-York
Murphy, John C. Rahway, N. J. by friends in New-York

N

Northam, Geo. Henley's P. O. Middlesex Co. Va. by Hermitage and Zoar church, Va.

O

Orr, David, Lawrence Co. Ark. by the Ladies' Western Association, Providence, R. I.

P

Packer, D. Mount Holly, Vt. by the church, Mount Holly, Vt
Parkinson, William, New-York, by the 1st church and congregation, New-York
Pattison, R. E. Providence, R. I. by the 1st church and cong. Providence, R. I.
Peck, John, Cazenovia, N. Y. by friends in New-York
Peck, John M. Rock Spring, Ill. through Ill. State Convention
Perkins, Aaron, New-York, by John A. Miller, Esq.
Perry, G. B. Alton, Ill. by the Spruce-street church, Philadelphia, Pa.
Price, Jacob, Edwardsburg, Mich. for services rendered

R

Richmond, J. L. Conneaut, Ohio

S

Shadrach, William, Philadelphia, Pa.
Sharp, Daniel, Boston, Mass. by the Charles-street church and congregation
Sherwood, A. Penfield, Ga.
***Shute, Caleb B. Boston, Mass. by ladies of the Federal-street church**
Smitzer, John, Fayetteville, N. Y. by the church and congregation, Fayetteville
Sommers, Chas. G. New-York, by the South Baptist church and cong. New-York
Spencer, Orson, Deep River, Con. by the church and congregation, Deep River
Stanwood, Henry, Rochester, N. Y. by the church and congregation, Bristol, Con.
Stow, Baron, Boston, Mass.

T

Taylor, J. B. Richmond, Va. by the 2d church, Richmond, Va.
Tingley, Timothy G. Foxborough, Mass.
Tinsley, Isaac, Charlottesville, Va. by the church and society, Charlottesville, Va.
Train, Chas. Framingham, Mass. by the church and congregation, Framingham
Train, Arthur S. Haverhill, Mass. by the church at Haverhill
***Trask, William G. by the church and society, Taunton, Mass.**

W

Wayland, F. Jr. President of Brown University, R. I. by students of the University
Welch, B. T. Albany, N. Y.
Welsh, J. C. Warren, R. I.
Wightman, F. Lyme, Con. by Miss E. Peck
Wildman, N. Lebanon, Con.
Willard, F. A. Louisville, Ky.
Williams, William R. New-York, N. Y.

OTHER DIRECTORS FOR LIFE.

B

V. J. by the Ladies, Western Association, Providence, R. I.

Juliet P. Savannah, Ga.

Matthew, Jr. Boston, Mass.

Iveson L. Woodville, S. C.

Nicholas, Providence, R. I.

C

Nathaniel R.

William, New-York

Joseph J. New-York

Thomas, Eatonton, Ga.

William, Baltimore, Md.

James C. Baltimore, Md. by W. and J. C. Crane

William B. New-York

D

Thomas T., M. D. New-York

Y, A. Richmond Co. N. C.

ss, James, Cavers, Scotland

G

, Wm. E. Philadelphia, Pa.

id, George C. New-York

L

i, Heman, Boston, Mass.

M

, Joel, Albany, N. Y. by Mrs. Esther Waters, Con.

, R. W. New-York

John. A. "

Pardon, Providence, R. I. by the 1st church in Providence

Stephen B. New-York

N

i, Isaac, New-York

R

s, Charles L. New-York

S

r, Charles W. Hertford, N. C.

r, John S. Windsor, Vt.

T

. Stuart M. New-York, by John R. Ludlow

ns, John M. Effingham, S. C.

William, New-York

William, Beaufort, S. C.

, William H. Augusta, Ga.

W

en, Randell, Calais, Me.

MINISTERS MEMBERS FOR LIFE.

A

Ackley, Alvin, Hadlyme, Con.
 Allen, I. M. New-York
 Anderson, S. I. by the church at Stonington Point, Con.
 Atwell, George B. Canton, by the church and congregation, West Woodstock, Con.

B

Baker, John H. Kingston, R. I. by the church in Lebanon, Con.
 Ball, Eli, Richmond, Va. by the church in Bruington, King and Queen county, Va.
 Banvard, Joseph, Salem, Mass. by the Rev. C. G. Sommers, New-York
 Barker, J. G. Richmond, Va. by the 1st church Richmond, Va.
 *Barrett, Thomas, by the church and society, Webster, Mass.
 Bartlett, Daniel, China, Me. by R. Whidden, Esq
 Batchellor, M. Stratford, Con. by Mrs. Lydia Sherwood
 Battle, A. J. Raleigh, N. C.
 Beattie, W. Q. Bennetsville, N. C. by the Mechanicville church
 Beck, John J. Coosawhatchie, N. C.
 Belknap, Appleton, Mass. by his church
 Benedict, N. D. by the 1st church, Woodstock, Con.
 Benedict, Geo. New-York, by the Stanton-street church and cong. New-York
 Bennett, Alfred, Homer, N. Y.
 Bennett, Cephas, through the Oliver-street Female Home Mission Society, New-York
 Bernard, David, Norristown, Pa. by the 16th-st. church and congregation, New-York
 Biddle, William, Stamford, Con. by the church at Stamford
 Biddle, William P. Newbern, N. C.
 Billings, John, Addison, Me. by the church and congregation, Addison
 Bird, John, Lloyds P. O. Essex county, Va. by Mettapony and Exol churches
 Birdall, John O. Perrysburg, O. by the church at Perrysburg
 Bolles, D. C. Southbridge, Mass. by the church and congregation Southbridge
 Boomer, Job B. Sutton, Mass. by the church and congregation, Sutton
 Bowen, William, Westborough, Mass. by the church and congregation, Westborough
 Boykin, Wm. F. Salem, Ill. by J. M. Peck, Rock Spring, Ill. through Ill. S. Con.
 Brantly, Wm. T. Jr. Augusta, Ga. by his church and society
 Brierly, Benjamin, by the church in Sommersworth, N. H.
 Briggs, Ebenezer, Middleboro' Mass. by the Old Colony Baptist Mission Society
 Brisbane, William H. Cincinnati, Ohio
 Brouddus, William F. Lexington, Ky.
 Brockett, Pierpont, by the church and society, Essex, Con.
 Bronson, Asa, Fall River, Mass. by the church and society, Fall River
 Brouner, J. H. New-York by the North church and congregation, New-York
 Brown, F. G. Portsmouth, N. H. by the Female Missionary Society of his cong.
 Burroughs, David, Cornish, N. H. by the church and congregation, Cornish, N. H.
 Butler, John, North-Yarmouth, Me. by the church and congregation, North-Yarmouth
 Byram, B. P. Valley Falls, R. I. by the church and congregation, Valley Falls

C

Challis, James M. Bustleton, Pa. by Lower Dublin H. M. S. Pa.
 *Chaplin, J. Hamilton, N. Y. by the church at Willington, Con.
 Chase, S. Mich. by the Youth's Domestic Mission Society, Brooklyn, N. Y.
 *Chase, John, by the church and congregation, Brookfield, Mass.
 Choules, J. O. New-York, by the church at Buffalo, N. Y.
 Clarke, Henry, Senkonk, Mass. by the church at Senkonk
 Clifton, James C. Richmond, Va. by the 1st church in that place
 Colby, Lewis, South Berwick, Me. by friends in South-Berwick
 Cole, L. B. Hopkinton, N. H. by Female Domestic Mission Society
 Coleman, M. Byron, N. Y.
 Collom, J. C. Danbury, Con. by the Female Mission Society of 2d church, Danbury
 Converse, Otis, Randolph, Mass.
 Cook, B. Jr. Jewett City, Con. by the Willimantic Female Mission Society
 Cook, Samuel by the church in Hopkinton, N. H.
 Covell, L. Bedford, N. Y. by Stephentown Association

Craig, Andrew M. Britton's ~~X~~ Road, N. C.
 Crane, Origen, Newton Upper Falls, Mass. by Miss Eliza Jameson
 Creath, Thomas, B. Parkhams' P. O. Va.
Creath, J. W. D. Black Face P. O. Va.
 Cressy, Timothy R. Columbus, Ohio
 Cusick, James (a Tuscarora Chief) by contribution at N. Y. State Convention

D

Darrow, Francis, Waterford, Con. by the church at Waterford
 Davis, Jonathan, Fairfield District, S. C.
 Davis, C. B. Newton Upper Falls, Mass. by a friend
 Dennison, Charles W. Providence, R. I. by the church in Wilmington, Del.
 Dickinson, E. W. Burlington, N. J. by students of Hamilton Theological Seminary
 Dodge, Orrin, by the 2d church and congregation, Sand Lake, N. Y.
 *Dodge, O. A. Lexington, Mass.
 Driver, Thomas, Boston, do by the church at Dedham

E

Ellis, John, New-York
 Evans, George, Goffstown, N. H. by the church at Goffstown
 Everett, Samuel, Salisbury, N. H. by the church at Salisbury
 Everts, William W. New-York, by the Tabernacle church, Mulberry-street

F

Farnsworth, B. F. President of the University, Nashville, Tenn.
Fennell, George Harrell's Store P. O. N. C.
 Fife, James, Charlottesville, Va. by Licking Hole Benevolent Society
 Fisher, Abiel, Sturbridge, Mass. by the church at Sturbridge,
 Fletcher, Simon, by the church at Bridport, Vt.
 Fletcher, Leonard, Hamilton, N. Y. by the church and society, Hamilton
 Fogg, Samuel, Winthrop, Me. by the church and society, Topsham, Me.
 Forbush, Jonathan E. Wrentham, Mass. by the church and society, Attleboro', Mass.
 Freeman, T. G. by friends in Mass.
 Freeman, Joseph, Cavendish, Vt. by the church and society, Cavendish,
Frey, J. S. C. F. New-York, through the Oliver-st. Female Home Mission Soc.

G

Gear, Hiram, Marietta, Ohio, by the church in Foxborough, Mass.
 Gibbs, John W. by a few friends in New-York
 Gilpatrick, James, Blue Hill, Me. by the church at Blue Hill, Me.
 Going, Ezra, Greenville, Ohio
 Goodell, A. by the church at Sommersworth, N. H.
 Goodno, J. R. Campton, by his congregation
 Graves, J. M. Ludlow, Vt. by the church at Ludlow, Vt.
 Green, John, Leicester, Mass. by the church at Leicester, Mass.
 Greenleaf, Calvin, Perry, Pike county, Ill. by a few friends
 Gregory, S. New-Milford, by the Franklin Association
 Grenell, Zelotes, New-York, by the church in Weston, N. Y.
 Grow, James, Thompson, Con.

H

Haff, H. H. Saratoga, N. Y. by a church in Vt.
 Hague, John B. Eastport, Me. by the church and congregation, Eastport
 Harding, Theodore, Horton, Nova Scotia, by Mrs. S. Whidden
 Harris, John, Milton, Mich.
 Harrison, J. C. Bordentown, N. J. by the church at Bordentown
 Harvey, Nathaniel, Meriden, Con.
 Hascall, Daniel, W. Rutland, Vt. by Mrs. Alice Hascall
 Hawes, Josiah, New-Sharon, Me. by the Congregational church, New-Sharon
 Hayden, Lucian, Dover, N. H. by his church
 Hill, Daniel T. by the church and congregation, Plainfield, N. J.
 Hires, William D. Middletown, N. J. by the church and congregation, Middletown
Hodge, James L. Albany, N. Y. by the 1st church Albany
 *Holroyd, John
 Hooper, William, Chapel Hill, N. C.
 Hopkins, Charles J. Salem, N. J. by the church at Salem
 *Hubbell, Elisha D. by the church at Clifton Park, N. Y.
 Hutchinson, Elijah, E. Windsor, Vt. by the Female Mission Society, Windsor

Hutchinson, William, Amenia, N. Y. by the church at Amenia

I

Illsley, Silas, Brooklyn, N. Y. by Youth's Domestic Mission Society

J

Jackson, Timothy, Deckertown, N. J. by his church at Deckertown

Jenkins, J. S. by his church at Lower Providence, Pa.

Jennings, John, Grafton, Mass.

Jewett, Milo P. Marion, Ala.

Johnson, William B. Edgefield, S. C. by ladies of his church

Jones, Matthew, by Stephentown Association

Joul, T. Lebanon, N. Y. by his church at Lebanon, N. Y.

Judson, Adoniram, Burmah, by the Enon church, Cincinnati, Ohio

K

Kennard, J. H. Philadelphia, Pa. by ladies of his church at Philadelphia

Kincaid, Eugenio Burmah, by contribution at the Anniver. of the A. B. H. M. S. 1838

***Kitts T. J. by his church at Philadelphia, Pa.**

L

Lamb, R. P. Milo, N. Y. by the church at Milo

Lathrop, Lebbeus, by the church and congregation at Samptown, N. J.

***Lazell, J. E. by the church at Harvard, Mass.**

Leach, Beriah N. Middlebury, N. Y. by the church at Middlebury

Leonard, Zenas L. Sturbridge, Mass.

Lewis, Daniel D. Piscataway, N. J. by his church at Piscataway

Locke, William E. Massena, by the church at Lebanon, N. Y.

Logan, John, Ill.

***Ludlow, Peter, by a friend to the Society**

M

Magee, Thomas, Lubec, Me. by Mrs. S. Whidden

Magiunis, John S. Hamilton, N. Y. by the 2d church at Portland, Me.

Mahony, Henry W. by the Piedmont church, S. C.

Mallary, S. S.

Manning, Edward, Cornwall, N. S. by Mrs. S. Whidden

Manning, Benjamin, Brookfield, Mass. by his church at Brookfield

***Martin, A. R. by R. W. Martin, New-York**

Medbury, Nicholas, Watertown, Mass. by his church at Watertown

Mercer, Jesse, Washington, Ga.

Miller, William G. by the Bethel church and congregation, New-York

Miller, Henry, Meriden, Con. by the church at Meriden, Con.

Miner, Bradley, Dorchester, by the church at Fall River, Mass.

Miner, Martin, Wolcott, by the Mission Society of his church

Moore, Isaac, Wantage. by the church at Wantage

Mulford, Clarence W. Hightstown, N. J. by the church and cong. at Pemberton, N. J.

N

Napier, Robert, by the Mizpah church, S. C.

Naylor, J. G. by the Middle-street church, Portsmouth, N. H.

Neale, Rollin H. Boston, Mass. by the church at New-Haven, Con.

Newton, Calvin, Thomaston, Me. by the church at Hallowell, Me.

Nichols, D. A. Pa. by H. Rankin

Nichols, Noah, Derby, Vt. by the church at Rumney, N. H.

Norton, Noah, Brunswick, Me. by the church at Topsham, Me.

***Nourse, Peter, Ellsworth, Me. by the congregationalist church, Ellsworth**

O

Ormsby, John, Westkill, N. Y. by his church at Westkill

Owen, D. C. by the church at Branchport, N. Y.

P

Paine, John, Ward, Mass. by the church at Ward

Palmer, Asa H.

Parke, F. S. Clifton Park, N. Y. by the Stephentown Association

Parker, Addison, Danbury, Con. by the church and congregation at Southbridge, Mass.

Parkhurst, John, Chelmsford, Mass.

Peck, Abijah, Clifton Park, N. Y. by the church at Clifton Park

Peeples, Darling, by ladies of Barnwell church, S. C.

Philleo, Calvin, by church in Pawtucket, R. I.

Phillips, William, by the 2d church in Providence, R. I.
 Phippen, George, Newburgh, N. Y. by the church in Suffield, Con.
 Pilsbury, Phineas, Green, Me. by his church at Nobleboro', Mass.
 Pomroy, Samuel, by Ministers' Meeting, Columbia county, N. Y.
 Porter, Lemuel, Lowell, Mass. by the church and society at Lowell
 Powell, Thomas, Vermillionville, Ill. by the church at Milton, N. Y.
 Pratt, D. D. Nashua, N. H. by the 1st church at Nashua
 Purify, George W. Chapel Hill, N. C.
 Purify, Nicholas, Washington, D. C. by the Navy Yard church at Washington

R

Rand, Aaron, New-York, by the Amity-street church
 Rand, Thomas, New-York, by the Amity-street church
 Rhees, Morgan J. Philadelphia, by the church and congregation at Trenton, N. J.
 Ripley, T. B. Murfreesboro', Tenn. by the church at Bangor, Me.
 Ripley, S. Foxboro', Mass. by the Old Colony Mission Society
 Robert, Jos. L. Covington, Ky. by the Black Swamp church, S. C.
 Roberts, Thomas, Middletown, N. J. by his church at Middletown
 Roberts, Phillip, Jr. Salt Point, by the Stephentown Association
 Robinson, Samuel, St. George, N. B. by Mrs. S. Whidden
 Rodgers, Ebenezer, Upper Alton, Ill.
 Rogers, John, Scotch Plains, N. J.
 Rollin, J. B. Tonawanda, N. Y. by the Oliver-street Female Home Mission Society
 Ross, Arthur A. Centreville, R. I. by his church at Centreville
 Ryland, Robert, Richmond, Va. by the 1st church, Richmond

S

Sawyer, Reuben, New-London, N. H. by the church and congregation, New-London
 Seaver, Horace, Warren, Me. by the church and society, Warren
 *Sheppard, Joseph, by the church and congregation, Mount Holly, N. J.
 *Smalley, Henry, by the church and congregation, Cohansey
 Smith, N. W. by the 2d church, Nashua, N. H.
 Smith, S. F. Waterville, Me. by the church and society, Waterville
 Smith, Joseph, by the church and society Fruit Hill, R. I.
 Smith, Samuel, Salem, N. J. by his church at Salem
 Southwood, William, Bruington, Va. by the church at Petersburg
 Sparks, Peter, by the church at Lyons Farms, N. J.
 *Stearns, Silas, Bath, Me. by the church at Bath
 Stickney, James M. by the church and congregation, Lyons Farms, N. J.
 Stout, D. B. Middletown, N. J. by his church and congregation Middletown

T

Taylor, Joseph D. by the Stephentown Association, N. Y.
 Taylor, Elisha W. Brooklyn, N. Y. by the Oliver-street Fem. H. M. Society
 Thurston, Peter, New-York, by E. Cauldwell, Esq.
 Turpin, John O. Aylett's P. O. Va. by Four Mile Creek church

V

Van Loon, Charles, by W. Soulden, Esq. Albany, N. Y.
 *Vaughn, Ashley, Natchez, Mi. by the church and congregation, West Troy

W

Wade, Jonathan, Burmah, by the Enon church, Cincinnati, Ohio
 Walker, Warcham, Shaftsbury Centre, Vt. by his church and congregation, Shaftsbury
 Walker, John, Sutton, Mass. by his church at Sutton
 Walthall, Joseph S. Richmond, Va. by the 1st church, Richmond
 Warren, Patrick, Baltimore, Md.
 Webb, G. S. New-Brunswick, N. J. by his church at New-Brunswick
 Welch, James E. Burlington, N. J. by Rev J. M. Peck, through Ill. State Conven.
 Wescott, Isaac, Stillwater, N. Y.
 Wheelock, Alonzo, New-York, by Benjamin Halstead, Esq. New-York
 White, S. Staten Island, N. Y. by his church and congregation on Staten Island
 Wightman, J. G. Groton, Con. by the Stonington Union Association
 Wilcox, J. F. Amesbury, Mass. by the Female Home Mission Society, Amesbury
 Wildman, Daniel, New-London, Con. by his church in New-London
 Wilkins, Stephen, Galway, N. Y. by his church in Galway
 Williams, Daniel, New-York, by the Amity-street church at New-York
 Williams, David Smith, Cumberland, N. C.
 Wilson, Adam, Bangor, Me. by ladies of Saco church
 Winslow, O. Leamington, England, by Youth's Domestic Mis. Soc. Brooklyn, N. Y.

OTHER MEMBERS FOR LIFE.

A

Anderson, John T. Verdon P. O. Hanover county, Va.
Austin, H. Tarborough, N. C.

B

Bailey, S. W. Mrs. Parham's Store P. O. Sussex co. Va. by her husband, J. Bailey
Balen, Peter, by the East Church, New-York
Banvard, R. M. P. Mrs. Salem, Mass. by the 2d church in Salem
Bars, Sarah A. by her husband, Jacob F. Bars
Belden, Charles D. New-York
Bendall, George, Coman's Well, Va.
Benedict, Uriah, Pawtucket, R. I.
Biddle, Samuel S. Newbern, N. C.
Bidgood, Lovey, Hargrove's P. O. Nansemond co. Va. by her husband, W. D. Bidgood
Billings, Betsey, Addison, Me. by the Church and Congregation, Addison
Briscoe, Sally C. Va.
*Blain, Lucy Mrs. by her husband, Rev. J. Blain
*Blain, Mary E. by her father, Rev. J. Blain
Blanding, S. M. D. Columbia, S. C.
Bond, Lewis, Windsor, N. C.
Bostick, Elisha, Bostick's Mills, N. C.
Bostick, Elijah, Bostick's Mills, N. C.
Britton, William G. Britton's Roads, N. C.
Broadus, Mary Ann, by her husband, W. F. Broadus
Brockway, Charles, Broadalbin, N. Y.
Brown, William, Parham's Store P. O. Sussex county, Va.
Brown, William S. Britton's Roads, N. C.
Brown, Emily M. A. Fauquier county, Va. by her husband
Brown, O. B. Mrs. Washington, D. C. by the 1st Church in Washington
Buckner, Sarah T. Baltimore, Md.
Butler, Sarah, Lansinburg, N. Y.

C

Callom, M. Mrs. New-York
Carney, Richard, Portsmouth, Va.
Carroll, Sarah Ann, S. Washington P. O. N. C. by her husband, Laban Carroll
Carter, Sarah, Richmond, Va. by her husband, Rev. John Carter
Callett, Sarah P. Darlington, S. C. by Obscura
Cauldwell, Ebenezer, New-York
Cavis, John, Lowell, Mass.
Chambers, Azariah, Marion P. O. N. C.
Colby, Joseph, New-London, N. H. by the church and congregation, New-London
Colgate, George, New-York
Colgate, John, New-York
Cone, S. W. Mrs. New-York, by the Oliver-street Female Home Mission Society
Crane, Richard M. Newark, N. J.
Crawford, A. S. E. Mrs. New-London, N. H. by her husband through the Youths' Domestic Mission Society, Brooklyn, N. Y.
Crinshaw, William M. M. D. Forrestville, Wake county, N. C.

D

Dabney, E. T. Mrs. Jackson P. O. Louisa county, Va.
Dagg, J. L. Mrs. Tuscaloosa, Ala. by her husband, Rev. J. L. Dagg
Davies, John M. New-York
Davis, Isaac, Wooster, Mass.
Dickinson, William W. Golangsвилlo, Caroline county, Va.
Donallen, J. W. East Cambridge, Mass. by the 2d church, East Cambridge
Downing, John, Colerain, Bertie county, N. C.
Dudley, John L. Baltimore, Md.
Duncan, E. E. Mrs. Jackson P. O. Louisa county, Va.
Duvall, Judith, Mitchell's P. O. Goochland county, Va. by her husband, Benj. Duvall

E

Eaton, Martin, Petersburg, Va.
Eddy, Clarissa, Albany, N. Y.

Eldridge, James, Williamstown, Mass.

Ellis, M. Mrs. New-York

Elmer, Ebenezer, Bridgeton, N. J.

Etsep, James M. D. Pa. by three ladies of the Sansom-street church, Philadelphia

Evans, Silas J. New-York

Evans, S. E. Mrs. Society Hill, S. C.

F.

Farrar, Susan P. Jackson P. O. Louisa county, Va. by her husband, Stephen Farrar

Felton, Cader, Hertford, N. C.

Fennell, Owen, Wilmington, N. C.

Fishback, Sophia, Jeffersonton, Fauquier county, Va. by her husband

Fitch, William, New-York

Ford, H. Mrs. Philadelphia, Pa. by her husband

French, George R. Wilmington, N. C.

Frost, James, Wake Forest, N. C.

G

Gardner, John, Newark, N. J.

Gardner, Miranda B. New-York, through the Oliver-street Female Home Mission Society

Garnett, Dorothy, Miller's P. O. Essex county, Va.

Gatling, John, Edenton, N. C.

George, Elizabeth C. Culpepper P. O. Va. by her husband, Rev. C. George

Gibbs, Betsey H. Sullivan, N. H.

Gilbert, Joshua, New-York

Going, Luey T. Ohio, by the Youths' Domestic Mission Society, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Going, Nancy B. Granville, Ohio

Going, J. Hinsdale, N. Y. by his eldest Son

Greene, Lydia B. New-Bedford, Mass.

Griggs, David R. Boston, Mass.

Grummon, William, Newark, N. J.

H

Halsted, Benjamin, New-York

Harris, Elizabeth J. Va. by her husband, Zechariah Harris

Harrison, Camilla M. Charles City, Va.

Haynes, Sarah B. Bruington, K. and Q. co. Va. by her husband, Thos. Haynes, Esq.

Hickman, E. C. Mrs. Westchester, Pa. by her husband, Richard R. Hickman

Hillman, William, New-York

Hinton, A. G. Pittsborough, Chatham county, N. C.

Hopkins, John, Bucksport, Me.

Hopper, Andrew, Paterson, N. J.

Horn, Turner, Britton's Roads, N. C.

Houghton, C. W. New-York

Houghton, G. W. New-York

Houghton, J. Milton, Mass. by his Sons

Hudgens, Rebecca Y. Hampton, Va. by her husband, Dr. Albert G. Hudgens

Hunt, N. Mrs. Sharon, Conn.

*Hunting, Dorcas, Corinth, Me.

Humphrey, F. Albany, N. Y.

Hutchinson, E. Mrs. by the Female Mission Society, Windsor, Vt.

I

Ives, T. P. Mrs. Providence, R. I.

J

Jacobs, Charles P. Paterson, N. J.

James, Edward, Albany, N. Y.

Jarratt, Henry, Jarratt's P. O. Va.

Jarratt, Nicholas, Parham's Store P. O. Sussex county, Va.

Jeter, Sarah A. Richmond, Va.

Jones, John B. Roxbury, Mass.

Jones, Ann T. Williamsburg, Va. by her husband, Rev. S. Jones

Jones, Eliza, Great Valley, Pa. by her husband, Thomas Jones, Esq.

Justice, David, Forestville P. O. N. C.

K

Keene, William W. Philadelphia, Pa.

Kendall, Josiah, Dunstable, Mass.

Kennan, Eliza, Thompsonville P. O. Culpepper county, Va.
Kerfoot, Maria C. Upperville, Loudon county, Va. by her husband
Kerfoot, Harriet E. Battletown P. O. Va.

L

Lane, Mary F. Va. by her husband, Edward Lane
Lawrence, P. P. Tarborough, N. C.
Lipscomb, Martha. Louisa Court House P. O. Va. by her husband, David Lipscomb
Lissey, Sally Mrs. Hick's Ford, Granville county, Va.
Linnard, J. M. Philadelphia, Pa.

M

Mackeness, Henry, Prowitt, New-York
***McAllister, Charles**, Fayetteville, N. C.
McAllister, Elizabeth, Fayetteville, N. C. by her husband, C. McAllister
McCormick, R. C. New-York, for services rendered
McIver, A. M. Society Hill, S. C.
McLellan, James, by the Hamilton Mission Society
McTaggart, Margaret, Reading, Pa. by her husband, Daniel McTaggart
Mecker, Aaron B. Elizabethtown, N. J.
Miles, Joseph, Milesburgh, Pa.
Miller, John B. Sumpterville, S. C.
Moore, Godwin C. M. D. Mulberry Grove P. O. Hartford county, Va.
Moore, Julia, Mulberry Grove P. O. Hartford Co. Va. by her husband, Dr. G. C. Moore
Moore, Isaac, Wantage, N. J. by the church at Wantage
Moss, Nancy, Upperville, Loudon county, Va. by her husband, Vincent Moss
Munn, Sarah P. New-York through the Oliver-st. Female Home Mis. Soc. New-York
Murphy, William D. New-York

N

Nicholson, Alexander N. Bostick's Mills, P. O. N. C.
Northam, E. Rockingham P. O. N. C.
Northam, George, Va.

O

Odell, Jonathan, New-York, by himself, through the Oliver-st. H. M. S.

P

Pegg, Roger, New-York
Perkins, Jabez, Topsham, Me. by the church at Topsham
Philips, Theodosia, Norristown, Pa. by her husband, S. D. Philips
Platt, G. W. New-York
Probyn, Ann, by her husband

Q

Quincy, Josiah, Rumney, N. H.

R

Rand, John W. New-York, by Youth's Domestic Mission Society
Rankin, Henry, Reading, Pa.
Rankin, Peter, Reading, Pa.
Rankin, Sarah, Reading, Pa. by her husband, H. Rankin
Rankin, Eliza, Reading, Pa. by her husband, P. Rankin
Reynolds, Joseph, Philadelphia, Pa.
Richards, Joel, Claremont, N. H.
Richards, William H. Philadelphia, Pa.
Riddick, Jethro H. Sunbury, N. C.
Riddick, Nathan, Sunbury, N. C.
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Rowe, John K. Baltimore, Md.
Runyon, Richard E. New-Brunswick, N. J.
Runyon, Peter P. New-Brunswick, N. J.

S

Saunders, Harriet, Nuttsville, P. O. Lancaster county, Va. by her husband, W. S.
Scott, Robert, Amesbury, Mass. by the Amesbury and Salisbury church
Shailer, Hezekiah, by the Mission Society Literary Institution, Suffield, Con.
Shaw, Thomas, Boston
Shed, Charles
Shepherd, John M. Sunbury, N. C.

Skinner, Edward B. Hertford, Perquiman's county, N. C.
Skinner, Charles W. Hertford, Perquiman's county, N. C.
Slaughter, James M. Baltimore, Md.
Smith Asa F. Newton Upper Falls, Mass.
Smith, Priscilla B. Clarkston, P. O. Va. by her husband, J. Smith, Esq.
Souders, Catharine B. L. Frazer P. O. Chester county, Pa.
Sowers, Mary Eliza, Battletown P. O. Va. by her husband, Daniel W. Sowers
Sowers, Elizabeth, Millwood P. O. Frederick county, Va. by her husband
Spaulding, Isaiah, Chelmsford, Mass.
Spencer, Robert, Little Plymouth P. O. King and Queen county, Va.
Spirey, Aaron J. Brownsville, Tenn.
***Starkweather, Oliver**
Stickney, J. M. Mrs. Stamford, Con. by the church and congregation, Stamford
Stokes, Caroline, New-York by the Oliver-street Female H. M. S. New-York
Stout, Letitia M. Louisa Court House, Va. by her husband, William Stout
Sutton, Elizabeth, Britton's X Roads, N. C.

T

Thomas, Thomas, New-York
Thompson, S. S. Mrs. Pittsboro', N. C.
Thompson, Lewis W. Britton's X Roads, N. C.
Towell, Elizabeth E. Sandy Bottom P. O. Middlesex co. Va. by her husband, M. W. Towell
True, Reuben, by the church at Jeffrey
True, Osgood, Plainfield, N. H.
Tucker, Frances G. Stony Creek, Sussex county, Va. by her husband, F. Tucker
Tucker, Frederick, Stony Creek, Sussex county, Va.
Turney, J. P. Fairfield, Con. by Mrs. Lydia Sherwood

V

Vanderpool, James, Newark, N. J.

W

Wade, D. B. L. Mrs. Burmah
Walker, Elizabeth, by the church at Marcus Hook, Pa.
Walton, Joel, Va.
Warner, Ransom, M. D. New-York, by the East church, New-York
Washington, Elizabeth, Newbern, N. C.
Wasson, J. G. Albany, N. Y. by the First church, Albany
Waterman, Nathan Jr. Providence, R. I. by the Sunday School of the 1st church, Providence, R. I.
Whidden, Sarah, Calias, Me.
White, E. Mrs. by the church and congregation, Staten Island, N. Y.
Wilcox, Louisa S. Amesbury, Mass. by the Amesbury and Salisbury church, Mass.
***Williams, Elizabeth,** Society Hill, S. C.
***Williams, A.** Elizabeth City, N. C.
Wilson, Isaac D. Society Hill, S. C.
Wilson, Edward C. Elizabeth City, N. C.
Windust, Edward, New-York
Winslow, Robert F. New-York
Winterton, William, New-York
Withington, Elijah, New-York
Wood, John, Hertford, N. C.
Wood, J. S. Mrs. Hertford, N. C.
Woodward, Mary D. Middlesex county, Va. by her husband, William P. Woodward
Wright, William J. Hargrove's P. O. Nansemond county, Va.



THE TENTH REPORT
OF THE
AMERICAN
BAPTIST HOME MISSION SOCIETY.

PRESENTED BY THE
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

AT THE
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WITH
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CONSTITUTION
OF THE
AMERICAN BAPTIST HOME MISSION SOCIETY.

ARTICLE I. This Society shall be called the **AMERICAN BAPTIST HOME MISSION SOCIETY.**

ARTICLE II. The great object of this Society shall be to promote the preaching of the Gospel in North America.

ARTICLE III. Any person may become a member of this Society by contributing annually to its funds: thirty dollars paid at one time shall constitute a member for life; one hundred dollars paid at one time shall constitute a director for life; and any person on paying a sum which, in addition to any previous contribution, shall amount to one hundred dollars, shall be a director for life; and any Baptist Church or Association, or State Convention, or Missionary Society, that contributes annually to the objects of this Society, shall be entitled to be represented by one or more delegates in its annual meetings.

ARTICLE IV. The officers of this Society shall be a President, Vice-Presidents, a Treasurer, an Auditor, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, and fifty Directors, who shall be annually appointed by the Society.

ARTICLE V. The Officers and Life Directors shall appoint an Executive Committee of thirteen persons, exclusive of the Treasurer, the Corresponding Secretary, the Recording Secretary and Auditor, residing in the city of New-York and its vicinity,—the Treasurer, the Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary and Auditor, shall be members *ex-officio* of the Executive Committee, five of whom shall be a quorum at any meeting regularly convened. This Committee shall have power to appoint its own meetings, form its own rules of business, and fill any vacancies which may occur during the year, and convene special meetings of the Board and of the Society; shall appoint missionaries, and instruct them as to the field and manner of their labors; shall dispose of the funds for the objects of the Society, provided that all moneys contributed for any specific purpose shall be faithfully applied only to that particular object; shall create such agency or agencies for the appointment of missionaries and for other purposes as the interests of the Society may require; and shall make an annual report of their proceedings to the Society. All the Officers, Executive Committee, Agents and Missionaries of the Society, shall be members of some regular Baptist Church, in general union with the body of that denomination.

ARTICLE VI. The Treasurer shall give bonds to such amount as the Executive Committee shall think proper.

ARTICLE VII. Any Baptist Missionary Society may become auxiliary, by agreeing to pay into the treasury of this Society the whole of its surplus funds, and sending to the Corresponding Secretary a copy of its constitution and annual reports, mentioning the names of its missionaries, and the fields of their operations.

ARTICLE VIII. Every Auxiliary Society who shall agree to pay the whole of its funds to this Society, shall be entitled to a missionary or missionaries, to labor in such field as it may designate, to an amount at least equal to that of its contributions; provided such designation be made at the time of payment.

ARTICLE IX. The Officers of Auxiliary Societies shall be *ex-officio* Directors of this Society, and their members shall be members of this Society.

ARTICLE X. The annual meeting of the Society shall be held at such time and place as the Society shall determine, at a previous annual meeting, or as the Executive Committee shall determine.

ARTICLE XI. No alteration of this Constitution shall be made without an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members present at an annual meeting; nor, unless the same shall have been proposed at a previous annual meeting, or recommended by the Executive Committee.

MINUTES

OF THE

TENTH ANNIVERSARY.

The American Baptist Home Mission Society held its Tenth Anniversary in the Meeting House of the First Baptist Church, in Broome-street, New-York, on Tuesday afternoon, April 26th, 1842.

The President, brother Heman Lincoln, of Massachusetts, took the chair. After singing a hymn and reading a portion of Scripture, prayer was offered by brother C. P. Wyckoff, of New-York.

Ministering brethren present, not being delegates to the Society, were invited to a seat, to aid in the deliberations of the body.

A Committee on elections was appointed, consisting of brethren Leonard of New-York, S. J. Drake of New-Jersey, and I. R. Steward of Connecticut.

A Committee on nominations was also appointed, consisting of brethren N. W. Williams of Massachusetts, J. Dowling of Rhode Island, G. C. Baldwin of New-York, B. F. Braybrook of New-Hampshire, and W. C. Crane of Alabama.

The Treasurer, brother R. W. Martin of New-York, read his Report, accompanied with the Auditor's certificate of its correctness; which, on motion of brother A. D. Gillette of Pennsylvania, seconded by brother John Peck of New-York, was accepted, and ordered to be printed.

The Committee on elections presented the following list of names as duly elected by auxiliary bodies, Delegates to this Society, who, together with the Directors and Members for life, and others specified in the Constitution, present, were declared entitled to a seat.

DELEGATES.

New-Hampshire State Convention, B. F. Braybrook.

Great Falls Church, N. H., B. F. Braybrook.

Vermont State Convention, E. Hutchinson, A. Harvey.

Massachusetts State Convention, H. Lincoln, S. Peck, S. B. Swaim,* N. W. Williams, R. H. Neale,* N. Colver,* T. F. Caldicott,* and E. Thresher.*

Rhode Island State Convention, John Dowling, R. E. Pattison, Thomas Wilkes, B. P. Byrum, D. Benedict.

Connecticut State Convention, Ira R. Steward, P. Brockett.

Fairfield County Association, Conn., D. Harrington.

Stonington Union Association, Conn., Ira R. Steward,

* Absent.

New-York State Convention, L. Leonard, J. Smitzer, N. Kendrick, B. T. Welch, R. Babcock, Jr., C. P. Sheldon, A. Bennett, John Peck.

Oliver-street Female Mission Society, E. Tucker, I. M. Allen, J. R. Ludlow, D. G. Taylor, G. N. Bleeker.

Norfolk-street Female Mission Society, George Benedict, R. E. Peterson, A. Miles.

West Winfield Church, N. Y., Arnold Kingsbury.

Saratoga Association, N. Y., Norman Fox.

Union Association, N. Y., L. Covell, E. Baldwin.

Rensselaerville Association, N. Y., R. Winegar, W. C. Child,* E. Herrick,* S. Jones.

Broad-street Church, Utica, D. C. Haynes.

New-Jersey State Convention, J. E. Welch, Dickinson,* Young,* Moore,* Carpenter, Wigg,* J. Smith.*

Sussex Association, N. J., W. H. Spencer.

Pennsylvania State Convention, Wm. Shadrach,* J. M. Linnard, J. M. Challis, M. J. Rhees, A. D. Gillette.

Maryland Union Association, S. P. Hill,* Norris,* G. F. Adams,* Keyser,* Wm. Crane,* Anderson.*

Alabama Convention, Wm. Carey Crane.

Mississippi Convention, J. M. Peck.

Illinois Convention, J. M. Peck.

Edwardsville Association, Illinois, J. M. Peck.

LIFE DIRECTORS PRESENT.

R. Babcock, Jr.
S. H. Cone,
J. Cookson,
W. C. Crane,
D. Dodge,
J. Dowling,
S. J. Drake,
A. D. Gillette,
B. M. Hill,
J. L. Hodge,
G. B. Ide,
D. Taylor,

W. T. James,
R. E. Pattison,
John Peck,
John M. Peck,
A. Perkins,
D. Sharp.
J. Smitzer,
C. G. Sommers,
Baron Stow,
C. Train,
E. Tucker,

F. Wayland, Jr.
B. T. Welch,
W. R. Williams,
W. Colgate,
T. T. Devan,
H. Lincoln,
R. W. Martin,
J. A. Miller,
S. B. Munn,
I. Newton,
J. M. Linnard.

The Corresponding Secretary, brother B. M. Hill, read an abstract of the Annual Report of the Executive Committee.

On motion of brother Webb of New-Jersey, seconded by brother Wheelock of New-York, and accompanied by a few remarks from each, the Report of the Executive Committee was accepted, and ordered to be printed.

Resolved, That so much of the Secretary's Report as relates to a mission to the Jews in our own country, be referred to a select Committee, consisting of brother Sommers of New-York, Linnard of Pennsylvania, and Welch of New-Jersey.

On motion of brother Cone of New-York, seconded by brother Williams of Massachusetts, it was

Resolved, That the rooms in the South-West portion of the edifice, erected by the First Baptist Church at the corner of Broome and Elizabeth-streets, New-York, and which have been tendered to the American Baptist Home Mission Society, at a merely nominal rent, be accepted; and that the said rooms be occupied by the Society for the transaction of its business, so long as such occupancy shall be deemed consistent with the best interests of the institution.

The Committee on nominations presented their Report, containing a list of officers; which, after some amendments, was adopted, and the persons nominated were thereupon elected officers of the Society.

EVENING SESSION.

The Society assembled at the same place in the evening, at half-past seven o'clock. The President in the chair; after singing, prayer was offered by brother Lewis Leonard of New-York.

The Corresponding Secretary read a brief abstract of the Annual Report of the Executive Committee.

On motion of brother J. M. Peck of Illinois, seconded by brother B. F. Braybrook of New-Hampshire, it was

Resolved, That the past history of our Society furnishes occasion of devout thankfulness to Almighty God, and most satisfactory evidence of its utility as a means of promoting the interests of Zion, and that, therefore, it specially commends itself to the sympathies and prayers of the churches.

On motion of brother John Dowling of Rhode Island, seconded by brother S. H. Cone of New-York, it was

Resolved, That we regard the increased amount of receipts into the Treasury the past year, as a cheering indication of growing interest in Home Missions among the denomination; yet, as the present state of the treasury, and the numerous applications for aid from various quarters demand a greatly augmented supply, and as the Executive Committee show the necessity of an expenditure of \$25,000 the ensuing year, we recommend, that SPECIAL EFFORTS be made by the churches, to furnish that sum previous to the next anniversary.

On motion of brother J. L. Burrows of Pennsylvania, seconded by Brother Hill of New-York, it was

Resolved, That because of its influence in promoting the efficiency of the ministry, the Home Mission Society deserves a most cordial and liberal support from the churches.

On motion of brother Alfred Bennett of New-York, it was

Resolved, That as a Society our gratitude is due to the First Baptist Church in New-York, for their generous and christian kindness, in furnishing the spacious rooms in the South-West part of their new edifice, for the special use of this Society in the transaction of its executive business.

The Committee on the subject of a mission to the Jews made their report, but on account of the lateness of the hour its consideration was postponed, and the meeting was adjourned till nine o'clock to-morrow morning. Prayer by brother Bennett of New-York.

Wednesday, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Society met according to adjournment. Brother Daniel D. Lewis of New-Jersey, introduced the meeting by prayer.

The Report of the Committee on a mission to the Jews was discussed until the hour for the meeting of the Foreign Mission Board, when the Society adjourned till 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Benediction by Brother Lewis.

Thursday, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Society met according to adjournment. Prayer was offered by Brother Jenkins of Pa.

The discussion on the Report of the Committee on a mission to the Jews was resumed.

After some amendments the report and accompanying resolution was unanimously adopted, viz:

The Committee to whom was referred the consideration of a mission to the Jew, beg leave to report, that, in their opinion, the cause of truth would be promoted by the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Society will justify the Executive Committee in sending a missionary to the Jews in North America, provided they judge it expedient, and provide also that funds be specially contributed for his support.

The Society then adjourned to meet on the Tuesday before the last Wednesday in April, 1843, at such place as the Executive Committee shall designate. Prayer and benediction by Dr. Chapin of District of Columbia.

MINUTES.

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President.

HEMAN LINCOLN, of Boston, Massachusetts.

Vice-Presidents.

Joseph Wenham, Montreal, Canada
 Jarvis Ring, Nova Scotia
 *Hadley Proctor, China, Maine
 Josiah Quincy, Romney, New-Hampshire
 J. H. Cotton, Windsor, Vermont
 N. H. Bottom, Shaftsbury, "
 James H. Duncan, Haverhill, Mass.
 Jonathan Bacheller, Lynn, "
 George N. Briggs, Boston, "
 John Dowling, Providence, Rhode Island
 Albert Day, Hartford, Connecticut
 Spencer H. Cone, New-York, N. Y.
 Friend Humphrey, Albany, "
 Benjamin Halstead, New-York, "
 William Winterton, " "
 Archibald Maclay, " "
 Wm. Colgate, " "
 Peter P. Runyon, New-Brunswick, N. J.
 James Vanderpool, Newark, "
 James M. Linnard, Philadelphia, Penn.
 William Duncan, " "
 Wm. Crane, Baltimore, Maryland

James Wilson, Baltimore, Maryland
 I. Withers, Alexandria, D. C.
 Jesse Snead, Richmond, Virginia
 A. Thomas, " "
 Thomas Meredith, Raleigh, N. C.
 J. B. O'Neal, Newberry, C. H., S. C.
 Thomas Stocks, Greensboro', Georgia
 Edward D. King, Marion, Alabama
 T. S. N. King, Brandon, Mississippi
 T. G. Blewett, Columbus, "
 Morgan Bryan, Louisiana
 I. C. Perkins, Arkansas
 James H. Marshall, Nashville, Tennessee
 R. Quarles, Lexington, Kentucky
 Jeremiah Vardeman, Missouri
 B. F. Edwards, Edwardsville, Illinois
 J. Bradley, Indianapolis, Indiana
 J. Going, Granville, Ohio
 H. K. Kendall, Elyria, Ohio
 L. D. Barker, McConnellsville, Ohio
 Caleb Eldred, Michigan
 Gail Borden, Jr., Galveston, Texas

BENJAMIN M. HILL, *Corresponding Secretary, New-York,*
 DAVID BELLAMY, *Recording Secretary,* "
 RUNYON W. MARTIN, *Treasurer,* "
 JOHN R. LUDLOW, *Auditor,* "

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E. F. Cummings, Concord, N. H.
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 D. Packer, Mount Holly, "
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 Irah Chase, Newton Centre, "
 Ebenezer Nelson, " "
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 F. Wayland, Jr., Providence, R. I.
 Alva Woods, " "
 James H. Linsley, Stratford, Connecticut
 Addison Parker, Stamford, "
 Nathaniel Kendrick, Hamilton, New-York
 B. T. Welch, Albany, "
 John Smitzer, Fayetteville, "
 I. Clark, Le Roy, "
 L. Leonard, Cazenovia, "
 E. Galusha, Perry, "
 John Peck, New-Woodstock, "
 E. Hayward, Buffalo, "
 John Cookson, Troy, "
 R. Babcock, Jr., Poughkeepsie, "
 J. C. Harrison, Bordentown, New-Jersey
 G. S. Webb, New-Brunswick, "

William Sym, Newark, New-Jersey
 Daniel Dodge, Philadelphia, Penn.
 H. G. Jones, Lower Marion, "
 J. H. Kennard, Philadelphia, "
 W. G. Jones, Delaware
 S. P. Hill, Baltimore, Maryland
 Stephen Chapin, Washington, D. C.
 J. B. Jeter, Richmond, Virginia
 Wm. B. Johnson, Edgefield, S. C.
 Richard Fuller, Beaufort, "
 W. T. Brantly, Charleston, "
 B. M. Sanders, Penfield, Georgia
 Basil Manly, Tuscaloosa, Alabama
 Benjamin Whitfield, Meridian Springs, Mi.
 E. Battle, Arkansas
 R. B. C. Howell, Nashville, Tennessee
 F. A. Willard, Louisville, Kentucky
 W. F. Broadus, Lexington, "
 R. T. Dillard, David's Fork, "
 T. P. Green, Clinton, Louisiana
 J. M. Peck, Rock Spring, Illinois
 Thomas Powell, Vermilionville "
 T. R. Cressy, Columbus, Ohio
 S. W. Lynd, Cincinnati, "
 John Booth, Michigan

After prayer by brother Harrison of New-Jersey, the Society adjourned to meet at half-past seven o'clock, P. M.

* Information of the decease of Brother Proctor was received only two days after the anniversary.

MEETING OF OFFICERS AND LIFE DIRECTORS.

After the adjournment of the Society, a meeting of the Officers and Life Directors was held, when the following brethren (all of New-York City, except brother Hodge, whose residence is in Brooklyn) were elected as the

Executive Committee.

SPENCER H. CONE, *Chairman*,
CHARLES G. SOMMERS,
GEORGE BENEDICT,
JACOB H. BROUNER,
WILLIAM R. WILLIAMS,
AARON PERKINS,
WILLIAM W. EVERTS,

ELISHA TUCKER,
ALONZO WHEELOCK,
JAMES L. HODGE,
JOHN L. EVERITT,
J. T. BERTINE,
J. N. WYCKOFF.

BENJAMIN M. HILL,
DAVID BELLAMY,
RUNYON W. MARTIN,
JOHN R. LUDLOW, } *Ex-Officio.*

The present anniversary has been a season of highly interesting character to the friends of the Home Mission enterprise. The results of the labors of the Society for the first ten years, as far as they have been developed, were laid before the body, and the conviction left upon the minds of all present, that the institution should be regarded as the right arm of our denomination in North America, alike with reference to promoting the efficiency of our ministry, planting new churches in destitute regions, and giving life, aid, and energy to our various organizations for extending the triumph of the cross.

DAVID BELLAMY, *Recording Secretary.*

ANNUAL REPORT.

BEING convened for the celebration of the Anniversary of our Society, it becomes the duty of the Executive Committee to present a Report of their proceedings the past year. It were ungrateful to attempt this without a serious acknowledgment of the kindness of God towards them amidst the trials and anxieties attendant upon the discharge of their duties. They have been enabled to assemble regularly for the transaction of business, and to deliberate and act upon the weighty matters submitted to them, with delightful harmony : and they now record with thankfulness the Divine favor which has prolonged their lives until the present occasion.

DEATHS.

It is but the reasonable tribute of christian sympathy to mention, among the long list of those who have finished their course since our last meeting, the names of Joseph Miles, of Pennsylvania, and Jesse L. Holman, of Indiana, Vice-Presidents of the Society ; Jesse Mercer, of Georgia, a Director by election ; Nicholas Brown, of Rhode Island, a Director for Life ; Zenas L. Leonard, of Massachusetts, Jeremiah Chaplin and Frederick M. Hill of New-York ; Martin Eaton and Martha Lipscomb, of Virginia, Members for Life ; and Abel R. Hinkley, of Indiana, a respected and useful missionary. These were all friends of the Society, and labored for its good. It is believed they were friends of Jesus also, some of them eminently so. In their removal we cannot but feel bereaved, yet the word of Divine grace assures us that "there remaineth a rest to the people of God"—"they rest from their labors : and their works do follow them." We trust that this assurance has assisted us to relinquish our earthly hold of those kindred spirits ; that their departure has reminded us that we are included in the number of those to whom it is appointed once to die ; and that it has stimulated us to more ready performance of our work, so that we may be prepared to follow them to the retributions of the great day of the Lord.

VACANCIES SUPPLIED.

Rev. Silas Illsley having, in the course of the year, removed from the vicinity of New-York, his place in the Executive Committee was supplied by the appointment of Rev. Elisha Tucker; and brother Joseph J. Cooke, the Recording Secretary, having, for a similar reason, resigned his office, it was filled by the appointment of Rev. David Bellamy.

PRINTING OF MISSIONARY CORRESPONDENCE.

At an early period of the past missionary year, your Committee, as a measure of retrenchment in their contingent expenses, and with a view to the more extensive diffusion of information, discontinued printing the "Quarterly Paper," and sought the privilege of publishing their missionary correspondence in all the Baptist weekly newspapers. It now affords them pleasure to acknowledge the ready acquiescence of the editors of those papers, and the almost invariable insertion by them of our weekly communications, thus enabling your Committee to lay before the churches in every part of the country, simultaneously, statements of their operations and the results.

The arrangement has proved so decidedly beneficial, your Committee indulge the hope that the same facility may be open to them hereafter, and that it may prove a mutual advantage to the Society and the proprietors of those papers.

MISSION TO THE JEWS.

In the month of January a proposal was made to the Committee to take charge of certain funds raised by various societies, and disburse them to a missionary of their appointing, expressly for the purpose of preaching the gospel to the Jews in the United States. After much amicable discussion of the subject it was finally resolved to submit it to the Society for their decision at this meeting.

MISSION ROOMS.

During the present year the First Baptist Church in the city of New-York completed a new house of worship, having connected with it a suit of rooms, which they have offered to the Committee for the transaction of the Society's business the ensuing year, at a nominal rent; with the understanding that the question of permanent occupancy, on the same terms, should be submitted to the Society. Your Committee have accepted the

generous offer of their temporary use, and submit the other part of the subject to your consideration at this time.

LEGACIES.

It is a source of special encouragement to know that the Society shares in the thoughts and sympathies of dying friends, and that, while making other preparation "to depart," any of them consider its objects of sufficient importance to bequeath means for their promotion. Such encouragement has been extended to the Committee the past year by a bequest of two hundred dollars from the late Mrs. Elizabeth Moore, of Connecticut, which has been paid, and another from the late Elder Jesse Mercer, of Georgia, of two thousand five hundred dollars, not yet received.

In these instances the encouragement is enhanced by proceeding from persons of unusually discriminating minds, and in the latter case by one whose great experience in missionary operations eminently qualified him to make judicious selections of objects of his benevolence.

FINANCIAL AFFAIRS.

The receipts of the missionary year 1840-1, including those of our auxiliaries, were \$50,118 33, those of our own treasury were \$10,779 09. At the close of that year the liabilities of the Society were \$10,813 81, and its resources \$6,214 87: leaving a balance against us of 4,598 94. By the treasurer's report it appears that the total amount of receipts the past year, including those of auxiliaries, is \$57,154 72. The amount received into the treasury of the Society for 12 months ending on the 15th inst. was 12,569 92, being \$1,756 11 more than last year. The liabilities of the Society at the same date were \$10,298 28. The resources, a part of which, only, is immediately available, were \$3963 24; leaving the balance against us \$6335 04.

It is gratifying to be able to report such an increase of liberality in the churches during a year of unprecedented financial embarrassments. It is equally so to be able to state that a considerable amount of it has been contributed to constitute Directors and Members of the Society for life. Ten names for the former, and 71 for the latter privilege have been added to the list. Nevertheless, the balance which appears in the footing of our fiscal statement shows an undesirable state of the treasury: and it will appear more so when it is considered, that drafts are daily made upon it for missionaries' salaries; that a heavy amount of liabilities will become matured on the first of May; and that

applications for aid to a considerable amount are laid before the Committee every month, to many of which unfavorable answers are necessarily returned.

AUXILIARY RELATIONS.

Our relations with auxiliary bodies have been maintained with great harmony and increasing confidence. Your Committee have found in them a readiness of co-operation that has greatly facilitated their efforts in behalf of the destitute.

The experience of a year has encouraged the Committee to adhere strictly to the auxiliary system which was printed with the last Annual Report. The increased safety and economy with which their operations are carried forward upon its principles; the facilities it affords for obtaining desirable information; and the identity of interest it creates between the Society and its Auxiliaries, assures them that its continuance is sound policy.

The number of auxiliaries at the last Anniversary was 23. It has been increased during the past year by the addition of five State Conventions and Societies, and two other bodies. When the denomination in each grand division of our field shall become united in this interesting relation, and active in the co-operation it proposes (which it is hoped will soon be the case) then will our hands indeed be strong, and nerved for effective service.

AGENCIES.

The Committee have reason to believe that the employment of properly qualified agents is essential to the prosperity of the Society. Accordingly, at the commencement of the year, they requested the General Agent, Elder John Peck, and brethren Ois Briggs and Reuben Winchell to continue their services as heretofore. With this request they complied; the former, notwithstanding seriously impaired health, has been successfully engaged in the middle States, the others equally so, considering the embarrassed condition of monetary affairs in the southern and southwestern portions of the country.

Brother W. M. Tryon, one of our missionaries in Texas, was also desired to perform an agency in Alabama and Georgia, but the occurrence of a revival at his stations prevented it, except during a few weeks when visiting those States, to make arrangements for a permanent settlement in the Texan field.

Brother R. Kimball performed an agency in Illinois, and brother Marvin Allen another in Michigan. The results of which were favorable; much having been accomplished in promoting a missionary spirit, and systematizing the operations of many

churches in those States, so as to render them independent of missionary aid, and in several instances of establishing among them new auxiliaries to the cause of benevolence.

The Committee exerted themselves to obtain other competent aid in this department, but were unsuccessful. Great credit is due to those who have acted, for their perseverance and patience amidst unusual discouragements; for to them, as instruments in the hands of God, may be attributed, in a great measure, the ability of the Committee to do what has been done.

MISSIONARY LABORS.

Our Missionary operations have been conducted as heretofore, principally with reference to feeble Churches and new settlements in the Western States, the British Provinces and Texas. In all these divisions of the great field, particularly in portions of them least provided for hitherto, it was the wish of the Committee to enlarge their operations commensurately with the immediate necessities of the denomination, but the financial difficulties existing throughout the country have unfavorably affected their designs. Though rigid economy* has been practiced in every department, they have been able to consummate those designs only in a few instances.

Some extension has been effected in the territories of Wisconsin and Iowa, particularly the latter, it is believed, with good results. In Mississippi, Tennessee and Kentucky, the Committee have been able to do but little for want of both men and means.

In the republic of Texas they have been enabled to place but two missionaries, although they diligently sought, and more than once supposed they should find others willing to encounter the privations and difficulties of that field. Here, however, the results of effort have been most encouraging. The influence of the Holy Spirit has attended the labors of those missionaries; powerful revivals of religion have taken place; many conversions have followed; and intelligence, talent, influence and wealth, formerly employed in rank rebellion against God, have been consecrated to his service, and, until the recent interruption of peace in that country, were employed with advantage in the Church of Christ.

Having given, in the weekly papers, detailed statements of the labors of individual missionaries, and it being usual to publish a tabular view† of them with the Annual Reports, the Committee consider it unnecessary to do more at this time than to give a summary of those labors.

* The travelling expenses, postages and other contingencies for the past year amount to but about half the sum reported the previous year.

† See Appendix, page 18.

SUMMARY OF MISSIONARY LABOR.

The whole number of agents and missionaries who have acted under the commission of the Society the past year is 97. These have been employed in 20 of the United States and Territories, in Canada and Texas. They have occupied, statedly, more than 325 stations,* preached 9485 sermons; delivered 678 public addresses on various subjects of christian benevolence; made 8055 pastoral visits, and not less than 145 visits of schools. In the performance of those duties they have travelled 111,688 miles.

The amount of ordinary ministerial labor performed by them is equal to that of one man for 67½ years.

In addition to the above a vast amount of labor has been performed by them in protracted meetings, and meetings for moral improvement, in Bible and Tract distribution, and in organizing or aiding Sunday Schools, Temperance and other Benevolent Societies; which, from the nature of the service, it is impossible to report with accuracy.

The number of agents and missionaries reported by Auxiliary Societies is 270. Their joint labors amount to 133 years of one man; they have occupied more than 336 stations; preached 24,124 sermons; made 24,452 pastoral visits; and travelled 60,377 miles. Total number of agents and missionaries, 367; years' labor performed, 200; miles travelled, 172,065.

RESULTS OF MISSIONARY LABOR.

Our missionaries report among the results of their past year's labor, the baptism of 1495 persons; the organization of 36 Churches, and the ordination of 16 ministers. They have personally obtained 2981 signatures to the total abstinence pledge, and under their supervision or influence, 4654 pupils have been instructed in Sunday Schools and Bible Classes, by 689 teachers.

By the indirect efforts of those missionaries, 4 Church edifices have been completed; the erection of 13 others has been commenced; 2 Churches have become able to sustain themselves without our aid, and from 42 of the whole number \$2798 61 have been paid for benevolent purposes—that is, for Missions,

* An unsuccessful attempt was made during the year to obtain certain statistical information desired for various practical purposes from every station occupied by our Missionaries. From 37 of those stations, however, it has been ascertained that their population exceeds 80,000; the number of communicants in the Churches at those stations is 3408; and the average attendance at public worship is 6910. Means are now in use, which it is believed will prove successful in obtaining complete returns of the above and other items of information to be reported at future Anniversaries.

Bible and Tract Societies and ministerial education; besides about \$6000 for the support of the ministry among themselves. These sums may appear small to many persons, but to those who are well informed of the unparalleled scarcity of money at "the West," and the extensive existence of a spirit of uncompromising hostility to all missionary operations and claims for ministerial support, they will be regarded as unexpectedly liberal. It is, enough perhaps, to say, that nearly the whole amount is from Churches which but a few years—some of them not more than two years ago—had never paid—and not a few of which regarded it as heresy to pay, a dollar for such purposes.

There are connected with the Churches aided by the Society, 28 young men, who are in various stages of preparation for the ministry.

The missionaries of Auxiliaries, also, report the baptism of 2727 persons; 150 temperance pledges obtained by them; and the instruction of 5580 scholars in Sunday Schools, in the Churches under their care.

Total, 4222 baptisms; 3131 signatures to the total abstinence pledge; 10,234 Sunday School scholars.

RESULTS OF TEN YEARS LABOR.

This being the tenth anniversary of the Society, it is a decimation of time which renders appropriate a general review of the results of its operations. To be prepared for this, correspondence has been conducted with well qualified friends in the western states, which it was hoped would ensure the necessary information. Such, however, is the paucity of statistical records adapted to the purpose, that only a very few accurate statements could be obtained. Nevertheless, sufficient investigation has been kindly made and transmitted, to enable us, with the aid of documents in our possession, to make a few statements which are believed to be very near correct. They relate, however, to only four states, viz. Kentucky, Missouri, Indiana, and Michigan.*

In those states previous to 1832, there were but 955 Baptist churches with 484 ministers of all classes, about ten of whom were regular pastors. With the exception of a short period immedi-

* It is to be regretted that we failed to obtain information from Illinois and Ohio, as much effort has been bestowed upon those states, and it is believed that the results, if known, would be very cheering.

An interesting letter was received from Rev. R. B. C. Howell, of Tennessee, but as very little has been done by the Society for that state the changes which have taken place there, will not serve to illustrate the direct usefulness of the Society. The letter might show, however, how extensive and important a field is opened for its future efforts, and will be used for that purpose another time.

Since the above was written, the following information, respecting the whole valley of the Mississippi has been communicated by the Rev. J. M. Peck, of Illinois.

"The statistics of the year 1831—that which immediately preceded the organization of the American Baptist Home Mission Society, give the following view

ately after the return from India of the lamented Luther Rice, those ministers were, generally, inactive in missionary operations, and, in many places, soon became hostile to them ; the churches, generally, indulged the same spirit and pursued the same course ; consequently, the amount annually contributed by them for benevolent purposes was too small to deserve being named. There was then but one literary or theological institution under the control of our denomination in those states.

At this time there are in the same states 1689 churches, with 772 ministers. At least 99 churches are supplied with pastors, and are laboring to spread the gospel throughout the world ; 105 ministers who formerly opposed missionary operations are now their zealous advocates ; \$6245 were contributed by the churches last year for benevolent purposes, and several institutions of science and theology are now in operation there.

Changes equally great have occurred in nearly all the other states of the great valley.

These changes have taken place since the organization of the American Baptist Home Mission Society : and their occurrence, with others of great importance and interest are attributed, under the blessing of God, in a good degree, to its operations, and those of its auxiliaries.

During those ten years 756 missionaries have acted under the Society's commission. The principal portion of them performed their labor west of the Alleghany mountains. The aggregate of their labors amounts to about 600 years of one man, and at least 732* churches and destitute places have been supplied by them for different periods of time.

A part of the results of their labors during that period have been the baptism of 10,990 persons ; the constitution of 401 churches ; the ordination of 142 ministers, and the organization of many benevolent societies, Sunday schools, Bible classes, &c.

It should be mentioned as one of the results of our missionaries' labors, that opposition to evangelical effort is far less prevalent than in former years. Being as uncompromising in their

of our denomination in the valley of the Mississippi, viz., 145 Associations, 2168 churches, 1500 ministers, and 102,250 members. The number of annual baptisms as returned on the tables of Associations were about 5,300."

"In 1840, there were 260 Associations, and (omitting fractions) 4000 churches, 2500 ordained and licensed preachers, and 200,000 members, showing an increase of nearly 100 per cent. And so far as the support of the ministry ; organized benevolent action ; mutual co-operation, and the means of diffusing religious intelligence and real efficiency are concerned, the gain has been more than 400 per cent. Much of this, directly and indirectly, under God, is to be attributed to the instrumentality of Home Mission efforts. The average number of baptisms annually for three years past is about twenty-five thousand."

* It is impossible to state with certainty, the number of churches and destitute places aided by the Society, as many missionaries were appointed as itinerants, who never reported the number of stations they supplied. But it is a reasonable conjecture that nearly three times the number mentioned above have been aided, that is, about 2000.

support of all evangelical institutions, as their opponents are in their hostility towards them, they are continually pouring streams of light into the darkness around them, and practically illustrating how great is truth, and how certainly it must prevail.

We should not omit to say in this place, that the amount expended in the performance of this great work is but \$118,892 20.

These results are real and tangible. In them we have sufficient evidence that the Society has not labored in vain. Instrumentally, it has furnished for "the West," many faithful ministers who, without its aid, never could have gone there; it has reclaimed many ministers and churches from error and comparative uselessness, and raised up many more to become valuable auxiliaries in the cause of christian benevolence, furnishing a considerable amount of means for its promotion; it has done much in counteracting the designs of the Papists, and in improving the public morals; and above all in winning souls to Christ. We have worked for God, and God has worked through us, for the building up of Zion, and the everlasting salvation of souls. Were we necessarily limited to these evidences of the value of Home Missions, who, having the Spirit of Christ, would not see in them enough to admire; and call forth sincere gratitude to the God of salvation, and increased efforts in his service? But these realities conduct us to the fields of reasonable imagination, and as their boundless space opens to our view, we may contemplate the variety of probabilities that rise up on every side to cheer the heart and encourage the hand of benevolence. Years may be requisite for the development of the good results of only the past year's labor—of souls converted to God—of embryo formation of churches—of the consecration of sanctified intellect and talent to the sacred ministry—of plans for benevolent action—of restraints thrown around unsanctified human nature—of moral reformation, exalted, pure, abiding—of the establishment of principles in minds destined to effect changes in the social and moral world, eternally beneficial to man and promotive of the glory of God. What period, then, can we imagine short of eternity itself, as sufficient for the development of all the blessings which will be revealed as the fruits of our *ten* years' toil? The results already apparent, are themselves to operate as causes of others, and those of still others, to infinity. The work of each year, like a pebble cast into the bosom of a tranquil sea, has caused an agitation of the moral elements around us, the circles of which, at first comparatively circumscribed, will now roll on, ceaselessly expanding, till lost to mortal vision in the vastness of their own extent, or forgotten in the observation of others which may follow.

But the labors of our hands are only those of instruments. We may have planted and watered, but God alone could give the increase. To his name be all the glory.

THE FUTURE.

But how muchsoever may have been done, much more remains to be done. Our labors, expenditures and success allow us only to say that we have *commenced* a great work ; its faithful, successful prosecution claims our most serious attention, and requires the utmost energies we have to bestow. Delay in us, would now be discreditable. The employment of weak and inefficient means would result in certain defeat of every good intention heretofore conceived. For the accomplishment of the great work which lies before us in all its magnitude and importance, increased means, and toils and prayers are requisite. It were, now, sinful in us to withhold them.

The average annual expenditures of the Society have been \$11,889 22. During the last three years, with this amount, the Committee have been able to make no considerable advance upon the acquisitions of previous years, except in two sections of the field. And yet upon these two sections, more than one-fifth of the whole annual income of the Society could have been profitably expended.

The last Annual Report presented, somewhat in detail, the destitution to be provided for. The investigations of the past year have served to show that those details were very inadequate ; that many more important points were passed over than were then named or known by us,* and that at least \$25,000, in addition to all that is expended by the auxiliaries of the Society, are necessary this year to enable the Committee to discharge their official duty. The plans of the Committee are now matured, and their operations systematized, so that they are prepared to expend that sum with prudence, economy and profit. Whether it shall be placed at their disposal is for the denomination to decide. Your Committee wait with anxiety to learn whether it will be done. Shall the treasury be supplied with the means of answering the loud and continual calls for aid ? Shall thousands, destitute of the gospel ; shall scores of young churches, without pastors, without the ordinances, and without scarcely any privileges of the sanctuary, be supplied with the bread of life, or must they famish for want of it, while tens of thousands of whom they ask the boon are satiated with the blessing ? Shall the rife errors and heresies of our beloved country be arrested, and the man of sin be checked ? Shall moral evils, already fearfully

* It is ascertained that in only the four states already mentioned, there are 135 villages, chiefly county seats, destitute of Baptist ministers. As large a proportion of such villages in Tennessee are also destitute. The same is probably true of other states west of the Alleghanies ; and in all of them there are whole counties without a single Baptist minister resident or statedly laboring in them.

prevalent, be counteracted, and the gross darkness that covers the people be dissipated, or must that darkness exist, and spread and deepen, till like the threatening storm-cloud it envelops the whole land, and the churches themselves in the thickness of its moral gloom? And if they are not supplied, will the older churches be able to bear the responsibility (for it is theirs) of this destitution? Rather, let every one come up to the help of the Lord, against the mighty. By a life of faith in Christ; by a course of self-denial in his service, let us all evince our love to Him who has loved us, and given Himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

In behalf of the Executive Committee,

BENJAMIN M. HILL, *Cor. Sec.*

TREASURER'S REPORT.

AMERICAN BAPTIST HOME MISSION SOCIETY, in account current with R. W. MARTIN, Treasurer.

	Dr.
To amount paid on drafts to Missionaries, Agents, and Secretary, since last Report,	\$13,331 27
" Postages, Travelling Expenses, Exchanges, &c.,	718 95
" Rent of Mission Rooms,	300 00
" Printing	476 34
" Reported by State Conventions, and credited per contra,	43,684 34
" Balance to new account,	3,956 23
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	\$62,469 09

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April. By Balance from old account,	\$6,214 87
" Receipts from State Conventions and other Auxiliaries, and from individuals, viz :—	
Maine, per State Convention,	48 12
New-Hampshire, do	34 33
Vermont, do	30 00
Massachusetts, do	477 50
Connecticut, do	1,222 29
Rhode Island, do	342 58
New-York, do	4,026 63
New-Jersey, do	476 35
Pennsylvania, do	686 75
Maryland, do	401 30
District of Columbia,	288 75
Virginia, per General Association,	581 70
North Carolina,	208 22
South Carolina,	825 15
Georgia,	1,183 77
Alabama,	297 93
Mississippi,	421 51
Kentucky, per General Association,	36 85
Tennessee, per State Convention,	64 00
Ohio, do	105 42
Illinois, do	325 00
Missouri,	31 92
Louisiana, per Home Mission Society,	30 00
Michigan, per State Convention,	200 00
Wisconsin Territory,	50
Iowa Territory, per Iowa Association,	6 67
Canada,	3 75
Contribution towards travelling expenses,	10 00
Brattleboro' Typographical Asso., for Comp. Commentary sold,	140 00
Interest,	63 00
Expended by Auxiliaries within their own bounds. See Synopsis of Annual Reports of Auxiliaries, Appendix, p. 8,	43,684 30
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	\$62,469 09

1841. ¹	
April 15. By Balance,	3,956 23

Errors Excepted.

R. W. MARTIN, Treasurer.

This certifies that I have carefully examined the Treasurer's account of the American Baptist Home Mission Society, with its vouchers, for the past year, and that the foregoing abstract, showing a balance in his hand of three thousand nine hundred and fifty-six dollars and twenty-three cents, is correct.

JOHN R. LUDLOW, Auditor.

New-York, April 25, 1842.

The receipts during the anniversary week amount to \$1,225 97, the particulars of which will be given in the weekly paper next Annual Report.

APPENDIX.

THE AUXILIARY SYSTEM.

The constitution of the American Baptist Home Mission Society contains ample provisions for an auxiliary relation with others of a more local character. In view of those provisions the Society has acted, from the period of its organization, with great benefit to young and feeble churches, and new settlements in various parts of the country. As with all similar societies, in the infancy of their history, various modifications in the details of their auxiliary operations have been found necessary; but the experience of several years, aided by the counsels of brethren in different portions of the country, has enabled the Executive Committee to adapt those operations to the various circumstances under which the auxiliaries are found to exist, and to offer a foundation for pleasant and efficient co-operation in Home Missions throughout the denomination.

The following are the leading features of our auxiliary system.

CONSTITUTIONAL PROVISIONS.

"ARTICLE 7. Any Baptist Missionary Society may become auxiliary, by agreeing to pay into the Treasury of this Society the whole of its surplus funds, and sending to the Corresponding Secretary a copy of its constitution and annual reports, mentioning the names of its missionaries, and the fields of their operations."

Remarks.—This article applies to any State Convention, General Association, or other body having in view the management or superintendence of domestic missions, and, although it requires the surplus funds of the body applying, in order to become auxiliary, the destitution of such funds does not prevent the auxiliary relation. If an auxiliary expend all its funds for missionary purposes within its own limits, it is presumed they are advantageously disposed of,—the work of missions is performed in that field to the extent of the means appropriated, without the intervention of the general Society. But if, after appropriating what is thought proper by the auxiliary, for their own state or district, a balance remain in their treasury, it is expected that it will be sacredly transmitted to our treasurer for general purposes.

The requisition for the constitution, annual reports, and information of domestic operations, is, obviously, important and necessary. It will enable the parent society to understand the nature of the organization of its auxiliaries, and learn and report the whole amount of missionary labor performed by them.

"ARTICLE 8. Every auxiliary society who shall agree to pay the whole of its funds to this society, shall be entitled to a missionary or missionaries, to labor in such field as it may designate, to an amount at least equal to that of its contributions: provided such designation be made at the time of payment."

Remarks.—This article is specific in its object. It contemplates an auxiliary which, for any reason, prefers to avail itself of the aid of the Society's Executive Committee in promoting missionary interests. A variety of considerations may lead an auxiliary to such a preference. The Executive Committee having frequently before them numerous applications from ministers for appointment, might often better supply an auxiliary, than the auxiliary could itself. Or the auxiliary may not possess sufficient funds to meet the necessities of their own state or district, and, therefore, place the whole in the treasury of the Society, in order that an addition may be made to it: for the provision is, that it shall be entitled to an appropriation "*at least equal to that of its contributions.*" Or the auxiliary might regard it as of paramount importance for the Society to supply the destitution of the new settlements in the West, in the British provinces, or Texas. This is the case with some auxiliaries in churches, and might be with others of a more general nature.

"ARTICLE 9. The officers of auxiliary societies shall be *ex-officio* directors of this Society, and their members shall be members of this Society."

Comment upon this article is unnecessary.

FINANCIAL OPERATIONS.

1. The Constitution of the society contains three restrictions on the Executive Committee in the disposal of funds. First, in the 5th article, requiring "that all moneys contributed for any specific purpose shall be faithfully applied only to that particular object." Second, in the 8th article, which has already been mentioned; and third, what is implied in the 2d article, to expend the funds "to promote the preaching of the gospel in North America." With these restrictions the whole amount of the Society's funds are subject to the disposal of the Executive Committee, who, having the whole field before them, will always endeavor to distribute them as the necessities of the different portions of that field demand.

2. Their rule of action is, to give no prospective pledges of general appropriations, but "as far as the means of the Society will allow, all requests from auxiliaries shall be granted (having respect to a fair division of funds among the states, and providing for the contingencies in the 5th and 8th articles of the Constitution) for the aid of ministers, churches, or destitute places."

3. In determining what is a *fair* division of funds, the ability of the auxiliary to supply its own destitution, and the advance of the missionary spirit among them, are taken into consideration.

4. For the collection of funds the Society is dependent upon the voluntary contributions of individuals, churches, and other bodies, either auxiliary or otherwise; but its chief dependence is found to rest on its own Collecting Agents, who, in general, are efficient, not only in obtaining subscriptions, but also in exciting activity in the auxiliaries, and greatly aiding their agents when they employ them.

5. "As a general rule, all agents appointed and paid by the Society, are required to deposit the funds collected in our treasury, or that of the State Convention where the collections are made, at the direction of the Committee on Agencies and Finance. But in all the latter cases, the amount so deposited is subject to the order of the Executive Committee, for the support of the Society's missionaries in those states, to the amount appropriated for that purpose, and the surplus, if any, for general purposes."

6. In this arrangement two objects are contemplated. First, to avoid the risk and exchanges frequently arising on the transmission of funds from distant states. And, secondly, to render the payment of salaries convenient to the missionaries.

7. There are two classes of auxiliaries, viz.: those which sustain domestic missions within their own borders, and aid the Society in addition by their surplus funds and extra contributions; and those which, in conducting such missions, are aided by the Society.

8. In general, the funds of auxiliaries of the first class are collected and paid into their treasury by their own agents, or primary societies, and the surplus transmitted to ours by their treasurer. But frequently our agents are encouraged to make extra collections within their boundaries; in which case the amount collected is paid directly into our treasury.

9. All extra contributions, obtained in any way within the borders of such auxiliaries will be, if desired by the auxiliary, passed to the credit of the donor, *through the auxiliary*. This plan is adopted by one of the principal auxiliaries, and is the one which it is desirable should be universally adopted, as in that case, all those bodies would receive credit in the reports of the Society's treasurer for the entire amount collected within their boundaries.

10. Extra efforts to obtain funds for general purposes are seldom made within the borders of auxiliaries of the second class; but when made, the same course can be taken in giving credit for funds obtained.

11. In certain cases, if an auxiliary, having missionaries of their own to sustain, desires the aid of an agent of the Society in collecting funds in their state, an arrangement can be made so as that from the funds collected, the whole or a part of the amount necessary for the purposes of that auxiliary shall be deposited in its treasury, and subject to its order; and the balance of collections transmitted to the general treasury: or, if the Society also have missionaries there, deposited in the treasury of the auxiliary for the payment of those missionaries' salaries.

12. It is expected that all auxiliaries will direct their treasurers to receive deposits of funds from any source to the credit of the Society, and provide for their safe-keeping and prompt payment, to the order of the Executive Committee of the Society.

CO-OPERATION OF AUXILIARIES.

It is expected that our auxiliaries will, as far as they are able, prosecute the necessary domestic mission operations within the territory they occupy. If, however, they are unable to extend those operations as far as their necessities demand, the Society holds itself in readiness to aid them according to its ability,—having reference to the necessities of other auxiliaries, or portions of the country. In such cases it is expected that their Board of Managers will nominate or recommend all persons whom they desire us to appoint; stating or causing to be stated all the information required under the following heads; and (unless special arrangements are made by the Executive Committee) select the fields of such as may be sent among them by the Committee, from other places; that they will direct and superintend the labors of all the Society's missionaries, so far as not to contravene the instructions of the Executive Committee; and advise the Committee, annually, respecting the appointment or re-appointment, field, salary, &c. of all missionaries sustained by the Society in their territory, previous to the expiration of their appointment. They will also (*as is expected of every auxiliary*) give prompt notice of all ministers who would be useful as missionaries or agents, and are desirous of being employed as such, and all destitute places within their borders requiring attention; furnish an annual report of all their proceedings, the amount and expense of missionary labor performed under their exclusive direction, the names of their missionaries, fields of labor, and all such information as they possess to facilitate the designs of the Society.

All missionaries appointed by the Executive Committee are expected to labor and report according to the instructions given them from time to time, directly to the Corresponding Secretary. Those appointed to labor within the boundaries of an auxiliary will be placed under its direction and superintendence as before stated—so far as that the instructions of the Society are not contravened. They will also report to their board of managers, and furnish them a copy of the reports made to the Corresponding Secretary of the parent society as often as they require.

APPLICATIONS FOR AID.

APPLICATIONS FROM CHURCHES.

The clerk or a select committee should be authorized to apply and state the name of the Church; the town, county and State in which it is situated; the post-office address of the correspondent; the number of inhabitants in the town, or settlement; the *probable* number (of all ages) attached to the Baptist denomination, or considered as belonging to the society; (this may not be known with much certainty, but a reasonable conjecture can always be formed on a little reflection,) the number of communicants in the Church; the average number of attendants of all classes on public worship; the name (in full) of the minister they have in view; his post-office address; his age; the number of his family (if he have one) *dependent on him for support*; whether he is regularly ordained, or a licentiate; the date when it is desirable his appointment should commence; the total amount of salary necessary for his support; the portion of that salary which they will engage to pay for the given time; the portion which any auxiliary, or other missionary body, propose to pay; the *least* amount that will suffice from the Society for the same period; and any circumstances in their case to illustrate the necessity of their application.

If two or more Churches propose to unite in employing the same minister and apply for our aid, let each Church, or a committee in behalf of all, forward *all* the above information, except what would, manifestly, be a repetition of each others' statements; and add, the portion of time the minister is to labor with each Church.

APPLICATIONS FROM SETTLEMENTS OR TOWNS.

If the application is from a settlement or town, where there is no organized Church, let the above information be given, substituting the name of the settlement or town for the Church, and stating the number of Baptist members known to be residing in it; or who, residing in other settlements, will probably unite in attending public worship with them.

APPLICATIONS FOR A MINISTER AND AID.

If the application is not only for aid, but also for a minister to be sent, let all the above-mentioned information be given except what relates to the minister; and subse-

tute in brief and general terms such as will enable the Committee to judge of the qualifications necessary in a minister for the place.

APPLICATIONS FROM MINISTERS.

If the applicant is a minister, having a particular Church, or Churches in view, he should give the information required, and have added to his application a short certificate of concurrence in the arrangement from the Church or Churches.

The same, with the exception of the certificate, is expected if he have a destitute settlement or section of country in view.

RECOMMENDATIONS NECESSARY.

If the applicants reside within the boundaries of a Society, Association or Convention auxiliary to this Society, it is *indispensable* that a recommendation should accompany it from their Board of Managers, or its Corresponding Secretary, officially,—*not merely of the minister, but of the entire arrangement proposed*,*—and it is expected that such Board or Secretary will candidly state any alterations in the arrangement they think circumstances require.

If they reside within the bounds of a State Society, Convention or General Association *not auxiliary*, the recommendation of their Board of Managers, or its Secretary, officially, will be preferred; but if distance, or difficulty in convening the Board prevent, the recommendation of some person or persons known by some of the Executive Committee may be forwarded.

OTHER APPLICATIONS FROM MINISTERS.

If a minister in one State apply for an appointment to another State, having no particular Church or town in view, but wishing to be directed by the Committee, it will be necessary for him to inform us of his place of residence; post-office address; age; number of his family, (if he have one,) dependent on him for support; whether he is ordained, or a licentiate; the signatures to his credentials; the total amount of salary he thinks necessary per annum; the least portion of it that will suffice from the Society; the period when he will be ready to engage in the duties of his appointment, or commence his journey to the field assigned him, and any circumstances calculated to aid the Committee in their deliberations.

Such applications should also be accompanied with recommendations from the Board of Managers of the auxiliary body in the State where the applicants reside, or their Secretary officially, or if insuperable difficulties prevent an application to them, from neighboring ministers well known by the Executive Committee.

APPLICATIONS OR NOMINATIONS FROM AUXILIARIES.

If the application proceed directly from the Board of Managers of an auxiliary body, they will furnish all the information required under the appropriate heads above, except the concurrent certificate of the Church or Churches. It is taken for granted that they are well advised of the wishes of those Churches. Their application also is, of course, sufficient recommendation.

RE-APPOINTMENTS.

As the appointments of the Executive Committee are made, in general, for twelve months, if a renewal is desired, a new application should be *seasonably* made, containing fresh information on every point named, and stating any alterations from the previous arrangements.

The whole should be written, if possible, on one sheet of paper, to prevent increased expense of postage; that item being already sufficient to support a missionary.

In all the above cases if any thing required cannot be done, let the reason be given.

REMARKS.

Many reasons might be given for making the foregoing requisitions. A few only will be stated. The larger number of applications come from great distances, the particular localities and other circumstances of which cannot be known by the Com-

* The recommendation for the proposed arrangement is, generally, far more important and useful than for the minister merely, as he is often well known by the Committee, especially if he have been previously appointed; whereas they may often know but little of the propriety of the arrangement without the recommendation of the auxiliary "Boards."

mittee ; or they are from persons with whom the Committee have no acquaintance. Statistical information is essential to the formation of a proper opinion of the relative or comparative importance of places needing aid, and to assist the Christian public to appreciate the operations of the Society.

Again, the Committee wish to act understandingly. Their means are limited, and derived, to a considerable extent, from persons who make sacrifices to bestow them, therefore, they should possess all the evidence consistent, that their appropriations are prudently made. Besides, we have an auxiliary system, to which it is the interest of all parties to adhere—from which, therefore, the Committee especially do not feel at liberty to depart.

ADVANTAGES OF THE SYSTEM.

In this plan are provisions for co-operation between the Society and its auxiliaries, of the most liberal character ; calculated on one hand to enlarge the operations of the Society, and greatly promote the benevolent designs of its founders ; and on the other, adapted to the condition and necessities of the various auxiliaries throughout the country. By constituting the boards of managers of the auxiliaries, nominating and recommending committees, we insure to the churches at large a prudent disbursement of the funds committed into our hands ; and to the auxiliaries themselves, provided the territory they attempt to superintend is not too extensive, appointments of the most efficient character attainable, and appropriations, when the treasury admits, commensurate with their necessities. In addition to which, it will be seen, that those auxiliaries which cultivate their own domestic field, and contribute to the Society their surplus funds, may be aided to carry out their benevolent designs towards such as are more dependent.

Under such arrangements it will be further seen that the missionaries of the Society virtually become the missionaries of the auxiliaries, and their's the missionaries of the Society. It forms one common interest in Home Mission operations, concentrates the energies, ability and piety of the denomination, and forms a bond of union among us at once strong in its influences upon the benefactors, and simple and efficient in its operations on the beneficiaries.

INVITATION.

This occasion is improved to invite all the State Conventions, General Associations, and other domestic missionary bodies, not already thus related, to become auxiliary to the American Baptist Home Mission Society.

Several conventions and missionary societies have co-operated with the Society, as auxiliaries, a number of years*—some of them from its organization ; and they have nobly sustained it amidst all the vicissitudes which it has experienced. Although the entire benefits of their auxiliaryship cannot be estimated in this world, yet, in looking over the history of the Society, the prosperous condition of many churches ; the moral and social happiness of numberless villages and towns, and the moral elevation attained even by States can be traced, to a considerable extent, to that source.

There are several others, however, which have not entered into the auxiliary relation. Being, in general, active and successful in enlarging Zion within their own territorial limits, they have either overlooked the subject altogether, or considered it not sufficiently important or expedient to require such a step. But if union is strength ; and if the union of a portion of those bodies has been productive of so much benefit, might not much more be expected were the whole combined in one great organization for mutual council and aid, concentrating at one point official information of the labors, contributions, and success of each, and from that point diffusing it again in a condensed form over the whole country ?

It is admitted that generous pecuniary aid has been extended to the Society by churches and individuals in States where there are conventions and general associations not auxiliary, and it may be thought by some that this is co-operation of the most valuable sort. That it is valuable, all admit, but the inquiry returns, Would not the success of the Society's operations be far more effectually and rapidly promoted if, with that aid, such a reciprocity in counsels and action among all our domestic mis-

* It is apprehended that some missionary bodies have become auxiliary to the Society, notice of which has never reached us. We respectfully request, if the name of any such auxiliary does not appear in the Annual Report, that notice of the fact may be communicated as soon as practicable to the Corresponding Secretary, stating also, if convenient, the period when it became so, &c.

missionary bodies could be established, which an identity of interest, arising from the auxiliary relation, as explained in this article, would naturally produce?

The subject is submitted to the consideration of all such bodies, with the hope that at the earliest period practicable, they will enter into the proposed relation with us.

FORM OF BECOMING AUXILIARY.

Missionary bodies, disposed to become auxiliary, have only to add a clause to that effect in their constitution, immediately following the appellation of the body. Or, to pass substantially the following resolution.

Resolved, That this ——— become auxiliary to the American Baptist Home Mission Society, "according to the seventh article of its constitution." A copy of which resolution, with the constitution and list of officers of the body passing it, should be sent to the Corresponding Secretary at New-York as soon as consistent.

TO APPLICANTS FOR AID.

Applications for missionary aid are frequently made to the Executive Committee, unaccompanied with the necessary information and recommendations, although the necessity for them has been very extensively published. The practice subjects the applicant to delay, and the Society to increased expense for postage. It is, therefore, thought expedient to inform all applicants, whether ministers, churches, or others, that, without special reasons, the Executive Committee do not feel at liberty to depart from the preceding rules; and they earnestly hope that applicants will, hereafter, notice every requisition, and conform to them in their communications.

As a general thing, a single sheet of paper is sufficient to contain all the writing necessary in an application, and when it is remembered that our letters usually come from distances where they are marked with the highest amount of postage, it will be seen that we are not unreasonable in requesting our correspondents to bear this point in mind. It is submitted to the judgment of correspondents, whether such applications should come to us post paid.

☞ The receipt of all applications for aid, made conformably with the foregoing rules, will be immediately acknowledged by mailing a copy of this Report, or a letter if specially requisite, to the address of the applicant. The application will be submitted to the proper Standing Committee, and to the Executive Committee at their earliest subsequent meeting; and the success of it communicated to the applicant immediately afterwards.

☞ A copy of this Report, folded in a GREEN WRAPPER, will be forwarded to applicants who fail to give us the necessary information: they will please observe wherein they were deficient, and send us another application, corrected by reference to the foregoing rules. It will receive attention from the Executive Committee on their first meeting after its reception, and the applicant will be informed of the result.

TO SECRETARIES OF AUXILIARIES.

The Secretaries of all auxiliary bodies are respectfully requested to use the foregoing in the meetings of the Board of Managers and those of the auxiliaries with which they are respectively connected, in order that such arrangements may be made as are necessary to carry out our plan of co-operation.

TO MISSIONARY BODIES.

The Secretaries of *all* the State Conventions, General Associations, or other Domestic Missionary Societies, not yet auxiliary to this Society, will be furnished with a copy of our Annual Report, in order that it may be presented to their respective Boards of Managers for consideration; and, if the auxiliary system it contains is approved by them, to be made the basis of measures for the bodies they represent to become auxiliary to the American Baptist Home Mission Society.

The favorable attention of those Secretaries to the subject is respectfully requested.

STATE AUXILIARIES

OF THE AMERICAN BAPTIST HOME MISSION SOCIETY.

New-Hampshire Convention,	Recognised	1832
Vermont do	do	do
Massachusetts do	do	do
Connecticut do	do	do
Pennsylvania do	do	do
New-York do	do	do
Ohio do	do	do
Kentucky General Association,	do	do
Virginia do do	do	do
Illinois Convention,	do	February, 1833
New Jersey do	do	December, do
Maine do	do	do do
Tennessee do	do	do do
Louisiana Home Mission Society,	do	November, 1835
Maryland Union Association,	do	January, 1840
Michigan Convention,	do	December, do
Rhode Island do	do	July, 1841
Iowa First Association,	do	December, do
Indiana General Association,	do	do do
North-Western Convention, Ill. and W. T.,	do	February, 1842
Missouri General Association,	do	April, do

OTHER AUXILIARIES.

Oliver-street Female Home Mission Society, New-York City,	Recognised	
Stanton-street do	do	do
Western Association of Ladies' 1st Church, Providence, R. I.	do	1834
Young Ladies' Home Mission Society, Philadelphia,	do	1835
Northern Association, Illinois,	do	Sept., 1836
New Cape Girardeau Association, Missouri,	do	March, 1841
New-York City Domestic Mission Society, New-York,	do	April, do
Illinois River Association, Illinois,	do	August, do
Norfolk-st. Female Home Mission Society, New-York City,	do	Jan., 1842

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MAINE CONVENTION.

SEVENTEENTH ANNIVERSARY.

Rev. Adam Wilson, Turner, *President.*

———, ———, *Secretary.*

Byron Greenough, Portland, *Treasurer.*

The Board of Managers express unfeigned regret that their means have not enabled them to attempt much for the benefit of the numerous destitute places in the State. Only about eleven months missionary labor has been performed, and assistance afforded to two churches.

A resolution was passed at this anniversary to consider the "Maine Baptist Missionary Society" the sole organ of their domestic missionary operations in future. But no explanation of the measure accompanies it.

Receipts for Home Missions, \$405 79.

Next Anniversary, third Wednesday in June, 1842, at Turner.

NEW-HAMPSHIRE CONVENTION.

SIXTEENTH ANNIVERSARY.

Rev. John Richardson, Milford, *President.*

" Edmond Worth, Concord, *Cor. Secretary.*

John A. Gault, " *Treasurer.*

Notwithstanding the pecuniary embarrassments of the country, something has been done by this Convention for various benevolent objects—especially for domestic missions: and it is cheering to learn that in every instance where feeble churches have been aided a blessing has followed in the addition of members. Their means of doing good have been limited, however, and in several instances where openings in important places have occurred, they were unable to enter. The energy of this excellent body of brethren will, nevertheless, enable them to overcome difficulties, and plant the standard of the gospel in every destitute place in their State.

Receipts for Home Missions, \$611 37.

Next Anniversary, fourth Tuesday in June, 1843, at ———

VERMONT CONVENTION.

SIXTEENTH ANNIVERSARY.

J. D. Farnsworth, Esq., South Fairfax, *President.*

Rev. C. A. Thomas, Brandon, *Cor. Secretary.*

Willard Kimball, ———, *Treasurer.*

This Convention continues to regard, with deep interest, the objects of the Home Mission Society. Three of our missionaries in Canada have been sustained wholly by them, and they have kept constantly in the field at home an itinerant missionary, whose labors appear to have been blest to the conversion of many souls. The state of religion in the churches generally, however, is far from being as encouraging as in former years.

Receipts for Home Missions, \$1307 63.

Next Anniversary, ——— October, 1842, Ludlow.

MASSACHUSETTS CONVENTION.

THIRTY-NINTH ANNIVERSARY.

Hon. Levi Farwell, Cambridge, *President*.
 Rev. Charles Train, Framingham, *Secretary*.
 William D. Ticknor, Boston, *Treasurer*.

The operations of this, the oldest Baptist Missionary body in the United States, were, a few years ago, very extensive and beneficial. During the great commercial revulsion in the country, however, they became seriously embarrassed, and have since remained crippled until this anniversary, when the joyful report was made that the debts were paid and the body again ready to work. In this Convention Home Missions cannot languish long. The Annual Report, and a special Circular published with it, show that while other objects are dear to our brethren in Massachusetts, this is not less so. It is feared, however, that an error has been committed in the failure to commission an active agent to visit the churches of the State.

Receipts for Home Missions, \$2121 77.

Next Anniversary, Thursday after the last Wednesday in May, 1842, at Boston.

RHODE ISLAND CONVENTION.

SIXTEENTH ANNIVERSARY.

Rev. R. E. Pattison, Providence, *President*.
 " John Dowling, " *Secretary*.
 V. J. Bates, " *Treasurer*.

This Convention has been greatly instrumental in supplying the destitute parts of the State with the preached gospel, and latterly their efforts have been very successful. Several churches have become sufficiently strong to sustain themselves, and some of them are now liberal contributors to the funds of the Convention. Occupying the land of Roger Williams, this body seems to possess his spirit, and exhibit an energy in the holy work of missions worthy of his successors. During the last year nine churches have been aided to sustain the regular administration of the gospel.

Receipts for Home Missions, \$1161 12.

Next Anniversary, second Wednesday in April, 1842, Providence.

CONNECTICUT CONVENTION.

EIGHTEENTH ANNIVERSARY.

Rev. Dwight Ives, Suffield, *President*.
 " William Reid, Wethersfield, *Cor. Secretary*.
 Joseph B. Gilbert, Esq., Hartford, *Treasurer*.

At the Anniversary in 1840, this Convention advised their Board of Managers to rely upon the pastors of the churches as agents to procure funds. But the measure failed; the churches having pastors qualified for the work not being willing to liberate them for that purpose. The Treasurer, however, reports an increase of receipts for Home Missions over some previous years. A good missionary feeling exists in this body, as is evident from the Reports of their special Committee, and from the extra contributions into the treasury. During the year seventeen churches have been aided.

Receipts for Home Missions, \$918 07.

Next Anniversary, Tuesday before the second Wednesday in June, 1842, Middletown.

NEW-YORK CONVENTION.

TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY.

Rev. Elon Galusha, Perry, *President*.
 " John Smitzer, Fayetteville, *Secretary*.
 Charles Babcock, New-Hartford, *Treasurer*.

We have always had reason to regard the New-York Convention as one of our most efficient auxiliaries. They are ready and liberal in their co-operation, to spread the gospel throughout the Home Mission field; and very active in cultivating the portions assigned them within their own borders. One hundred and nineteen churches have been supplied, either the whole or a part of the past year; and thirteen missionaries have been employed in itinerating services. The labor performed by all under their appointment, including that of two agents, is equal to that of one man for 88 years. One of the results of this labor is the organization of five new churches.

The State of New-York, in common with others, suffered from the pecuniary embarrassments of the nation. Hence, our receipts from the Convention have fallen short of former contributions to our treasury; but it is hoped, that by the persevering and systematic efforts of the two financial agents of the body, its resources will again be brought into active employment in the vineyard of the Lord.

Receipts for Home Missions, \$16,370 80.

Next Anniversary, third Wednesday in October, 1842, at Rome.

NEW-JERSEY CONVENTION.

TWELFTH ANNIVERSARY.

Rev. G. S. Webb, New-Brunswick, *President*.
 " C. W. Mulford, Hightstown, *Secretary*.
 P. P. Runyon, New-Brunswick, *Treasurer*.

Although the past conventional year was not distinguished by as numerous additions to the churches of this body as some former years, yet they have been sufficient to inspire them with zeal in the cause of Christ.

During the year the Board employed, for different periods, nine missionaries, and bestowed aid upon fifteen churches. The ministerial labor performed under their appointment amounts to sixteen years six months and a half. Among the results are 134 baptisms, and the expense of each year's labor but about \$126 00.

Since the organization of this Convention, (12 years,) the number of members of the churches have more than doubled.

Receipts for Home Missions, \$1416 43.

Next Anniversary, second Wednesday in November, 1842, at Trenton.

PENNSYLVANIA CONVENTION.

FIFTH ANNIVERSARY.

James M. Linnard, Esq., Philadelphia, *President*.
 Rev. William Shadrach, " *Cor. Secretary*.
 J. C. Davis, " *Treasurer*.

Our friends in this State are now awake to the importance of Home Missions, and zealously promoting them. An active general agent is in the field; the "cent a week plan" is in operation; their treasury is becoming supplied; and during the year, fourteen missionaries have been employed in cultivating the waste places of their territory. They have jointly performed twelve years labor, a part of the fruits of which are the

baptism of 370 converts. "One spirit, one common feeling, seems to pervade the enlisted ranks of the sacramental hosts throughout the State," and there is now a determination among them to go forward, which bids fair to overcome all difficulties. To our brethren there we can only say, the land is before you, go up and possess it.

Receipts for Home Missions, \$2726 63.

Next Anniversary, last Thursday in October, 1842, at Alleghany.

MARYLAND UNION ASSOCIATION.

SIXTH ANNIVERSARY.

Rev. George F. Adams, Baltimore, *Moderator.*

" A. Fuller Crane, " *Clerk.*

This Association is the only auxiliary of the Society in the State of Maryland. Its field is an important one; and though but little cultivated as yet, our friends there evidently feel the importance of immediate action. During the past year they have employed three missionaries, whose labors were greatly blest, and who baptized over 100 persons, and constituted one new church. It is the intention of the Association to raise and expend within its boundaries the ensuing year \$1500. We have no doubt it will be done.

Receipts for Home Missions, \$1010 23.

Next Anniversary, Thursday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1842, at Hereford.

VIRGINIA GENERAL ASSOCIATION.

EIGHTEENTH ANNIVERSARY.

Rev. James B. Taylor, Richmond, *President.*

William Sands, " *Cor. Secretary.*

Silas Wyatt, " *Treasurer.*

Our brethren in Virginia appear to be aware of the importance of domestic missions, and zealous in promoting them by well systematized efforts. Eighteen missionaries and an agent have been employed, the most of them during the whole year, besides some in the service of auxiliary associations. Those of the General Association have performed 13 years nine and a half months labor; constituted five churches; baptized 517 persons; organized Temperance Societies, Sunday Schools, &c. They have constantly in the field an industrious, devoted agent, by whom the State is thoroughly explored, and who is thereby qualified to give a salutary direction to missionary effort. By a comparison of this year's returns with those of 1830, it appears that there is an increase of at least 10 associations, 20,000 communicants, and 170 ministers. The onward course of this Association is a sure presage of great ultimate advantage to the cause.

Receipts for Home Missions, \$5141 82.

Next Anniversary, Saturday before the first Sunday in June, 1842, at Richmond.

LOUISIANA HOME MISSION SOCIETY.

SIXTH ANNIVERSARY.

J. B. Smith, Clinton, *President.*

D. Lea, ———, *Cor. Secretary.*

S. Walker, ———, *Treasurer.*

Since the organization of this Society there has been a steady progress of the missionary spirit among the churches of the State, and much has been done in removing the prejudice against missions which heretofore prevailed. Much more, it is

thought, might have been done, if the Society could have obtained the assistance of suitable missionaries to itinerate. Their principal dependence has been upon the settled ministers of the State, and these could leave the people of their charge but a short time. They have, nevertheless, employed an agent who appears to have rendered valuable aid; they also sustained two missionaries in the field a part of the year.

No Treasurer's Report having been forwarded, we are unable to state the total amount of receipts, but there appears to be a balance in the Treasurer's hands of \$200.

Next Anniversary, Saturday before the fourth Sunday in April.

TENNESSEE CONVENTION.

EIGHTH ANNIVERSARY.

Rev B. Kimbrough, ———— *President.*

" J. H. Shepherd, Nashville, *Cor. Secretary.*

S. G. Morton, Concord, *Treasurer.*

The churches of our denomination in Tennessee are numerous, and embrace much wealth and general intelligence, and though for several years a variety of opposing views and interests among them has operated against their prosperity, there is now, evidently, a tendency to union, and an encouraging prospect of its speedy prevalence.

Not more than a twentieth part of the ministers are fully engaged in their appropriate work. Many of the churches are unprovided with suitable places of public worship and qualified pastors, and but few of them occupy the villages. In middle Tennessee alone there are more than a dozen county seats, and several entire counties where there is not a Baptist minister of regular standing, but in every one of which a pious, intelligent, and self-denying minister would be sustained by the people, if he would adopt a proper, systematic, scriptural course.

Considering all these disadvantages, our brethren there are doing much for the renovation of the churches and the salvation of men. Could they but enjoy the co-operation of a suitable number of properly qualified ministers within a short time, we might hope for every good thing for Tennessee. The delay of a few years may prove disastrous.

Receipts for Home Missions not reported.

Next Anniversary, Friday before second Sunday in October, 1842, Cornersville, Giles County.

KENTUCKY GENERAL ASSOCIATION.

FOURTH ANNIVERSARY.

Rev. William C. Buck, Louisville, *President.*

" F. A. Willard, " *Cor. Secretary.*

Samuel Haycraft, Elizabethtown, *Treasurer.*

The Baptists of Kentucky have entered into a laudable co-operation with their brethren of other States, in the great work of the world's evangelization. Their efforts in the domestic field, the past year, have succeeded beyond their most sanguine expectations. Large accessions have been enjoyed by the churches. Since the last anniversary, and, indeed, since the organization of the Association, the denomination has enjoyed a continual revival of religion. The churches begin better to understand their duty to their ministers, and to make better provision for the public worship of God than formerly. In 31 counties visited by their General Agent, nearly all the churches have good houses of worship; 24 of which have been erected within the last 18 months. These, and other things connected with them, betoken great approaching good for Kentucky.

Receipts for Home Missions, \$6,103 62.

Next Anniversary, Saturday before the third Sunday in October, 1842, Bloomfield.

MISSOURI GENERAL ASSOCIATION.

FIRST ANNIVERSARY.

U. Sebree, ———, *Moderator.*
 Leland Wright, ———, *Cor. Secretary.*
 Rowland Hughes, ———, *Treasurer.*

We rejoice on account of the organization of this body, and that its earliest act was to enter into the auxiliary relation with us. Our brethren in that far distant State need our aid, and in appropriating it we need their counsels.

Their Report breathes the right spirit. Rejoicing, themselves, in the blessings of the gospel, and in the ordinances of the house of God, they are solicitous to have the knowledge of the Savior extended, and his claims to universal obedience pressed upon all classes of society. And they say, "when every family in Missouri shall have the opportunity of attending stately upon the worship of God, the object of our Association will have been accomplished."

During the year a General Agent was successfully employed in laying the foundation for future action, and five missionaries were commissioned, whose reports show a great amount of labor performed, and very encouraging success.

We give our brethren of this auxiliary a hearty welcome into the missionary field, and bid them God speed.

Receipts for Home Missions, \$490 03.

Next Anniversary, Friday before the last Saturday in August, 1842, Richland, Callaway County.

ILLINOIS CONVENTION.

SEVENTH ANNIVERSARY.

Rev. John M. Peck, Rock Spring, *President.*
 " E. Rodgers, Upper Alton, *Cor. Secretary.*
 ———, ———, *Treasurer.*

For some reason the Convention of Illinois have not deemed it advisable to publish a full Annual Report in pamphlet form for two years past. An abstract of the proceedings of the body for those years, however, has been printed; but it is entirely deficient of the statistical information so much desired by the denomination. This we regret very much, as it is believed that if such information were gathered and published, it would exhibit cheering evidence of prosperity among the churches of that State. In this belief we are confirmed by the abstract received. It shows that our friends there are active in many good works, and employing the talent, wealth and influence of the body in the promotion of those great interests which are essential to the prosperity and respectability of any denomination.

Receipts for Home Missions, \$229 28.

Next Anniversary, first Thursday in October, 1842, at Springfield.

INDIANA GENERAL ASSOCIATION.

NINTH ANNIVERSARY.

Henry Bradly, Indianapolis, *Moderator.*
 George C. Chandler, " *Cor. Secretary.*
 Corson Vickers, " *Treasurer.*

This body assumed the relation of an auxiliary at the present session. Their labors during the year were carried forward in the midst of opposition and discouragement, but they were not in vain. Sinners by hundreds have been converted under the labors of their missionaries, and the hearts of God's dear children have been often made glad.

An agent has been employed throughout the year, and their missionaries have reported four years and twenty-five days labor.

Through the instrumentality of this body, the cause of Christ is advancing in the State. Truth is gaining ground, and opposition to missionary labor is vanishing like darkness before the rising sun. Still there is much to be done. There is great destitution of ministers; and many feeble churches and new settlements dependent on missionary funds. The Association suffers some discouragement on account of a small amount of liabilities above their means of liquidating, while many urgent requests for aid lie before them which they cannot grant. They seem determined, however, to do what they can. In this may they be blest.

Receipts for Home Missions, \$1233 99.

Next Anniversary, third Wednesday in October, 1842, at Laporte.

OHIO CONVENTION.

FIFTEENTH ANNIVERSARY.

Rev. S. W. Lynd, Cincinnati, *President.*

" O. N. Sage, ———, *Cor. Secretary.*

J. B. Wheaton, ———, *Treasurer.*

The fifteenth Annual Report of this body presents very satisfactory evidence of increased and increasing success attending their efforts. It is an auxiliary of the most valuable character, supplying, to the extent of their ability, the destitution within their own field, and striking out new plans for greater efficiency. Already its treasury is a source of revenue to our more general societies, and the amount received into our own is a certain pledge of liberal aid in not very distant years; churches in twenty places have been aided; two missionaries have been employed in itinerating labors, and two agents have done much service in collecting funds, &c. The "Penny a-week" plan is succeeding admirably in Ohio.

Receipts for Home Missions, \$1963 86.

Next Anniversary, Saturday before the fourth Sunday in May, at Wooster.

MICHIGAN CONVENTION.

SIXTH ANNIVERSARY.

Rev. John Booth, Highland, *President.*

" M. Sandford, Pontiac, *Secretary.*

R. C. Smith, Detroit, *Treasurer.*

The derangement of the currency the past year, has unfavorably affected the more general operations of this body, and rendered it necessary for them to confine their efforts principally to domestic missions. Their labors in this department, under all the circumstances, have been very creditable. Ten missionaries have been employed more or less during the year. Much has been done, also, by an active and persevering agent, in adjusting some old claims which appear to have been in a confused state, and in systematizing the plans of future operation. A persevering conformity to present plans, with the divine blessing, cannot fail to raise this Convention to elevated ground among our auxiliaries.

Receipts for Home Missions, \$1836 51.

Next Anniversary, first Wednesday in October, at Jonesville.

NORTH-WESTERN CONVENTION.

FIRST ANNIVERSARY.

Rev. S. Knapp, ———, *President.*

" Thomas Powell, Vermilionville, Ill., *Cor. Secretary.*

E. B. Hurlburt, Chicago, Ill., *Treasurer.*

The organization of this new auxiliary took place at Chicago last October. It comprises associations and churches in Northern Illinois, a part of Indiana and Wisconsin Territory. Two of those associations have sustained the relation of auxiliaries for some

years, and evinced an active missionary spirit. Having considerable experience in missionary operations, and occupying a portion of country which is rapidly filling with an intelligent population, we have a right to expect good results from their organization. And if we are justified in anticipating their future success by the amount and variety of work laid out at the beginning, we have abundant reason for encouragement.

Receipts for Home Missions, \$145.

Next Anniversary, first Wednesday in July, 1842, Elgin, Ill.

IOWA ASSOCIATION.

THIRD ANNIVERSARY.

H. A. Ritner, Long Creek, *Chairman.*

J. M. Choate, Iowa City, *Secretary.*

No missionary body has yet been organized in the territory of Iowa. The Iowa Association, however, at its last session, became auxiliary to this Society, and appointed a Missionary Committee, who, at our request, counsel us at present in our appointments.

Spirited efforts are made by this body for the promotion of the moral and spiritual benefit of the people, and much good is anticipated through their instrumentality.

Receipts for Home Missions not reported.

Next Anniversary, Friday, September 2d, 1842, Rochester.

OTHER AUXILIARIES.

OLIVER-ST. FEMALE HOME MISSION SOCIETY, NEW-YORK CITY.

ANNIVERSARY, THIRD MONDAY IN APRIL.

Mrs. J. M. Ferrier, East-Broadway, *1st Directress.*

Miss Mary Dodge, No. 2 Oliver-street, *Secretary.*

Mrs. H. W. Cauldwell, 171 Madison-street, *Treasurer.*

Receipts, \$481 50.

STANTON-ST. FEMALE MISSIONARY SOCIETY, NEW-YORK CITY.

ANNIVERSARY, TUESDAY AFTER FIRST MONDAY IN MARCH.

Mrs. Eliza Bellamy, No. 17 Stanton-street, *1st Directress.*

Miss Helena Stout, No. 272 Greenwich-street, *Secretary.*

Mrs. Clarinda Phelps, No. 13 Bleecker-street, *Treasurer.*

Receipts, \$40 32.

WESTERN ASSOCIATION OF LADIES, FIRST CHURCH, PROV., R. I.

ANNIVERSARY, FIRST TUESDAY IN JANUARY.

Mrs. R. E. Pattison, ———, *1st Directress.*

Miss Laura E. Pearce, ———, *Secretary.*

Miss Abby G. Beckwith, ———, *Treasurer.*

Receipts, \$——

YOUNG LADIES' HOME MISSION SOCIETY, PHILADELPHIA.

ANNIVERSARY, ———

Miss Semple, ———, *1st Directress.*

Miss Burtis, ———, *Treasurer.*

Miss Butler, ———, *Secretary.*

Receipts, \$——

NORTHERN ASSOCIATION, ILLINOIS.

ANNIVERSARY, FIRST WEDNESDAY IN JUNE.

Rev. R. B. Ashley, Plainfield, *Chairman*._____, _____, *Secretary*.L. D. Boone, Chicago, *Treasurer*.

Receipts, \$112 05.

NEW CAPE GIRARDEAU ASSOCIATION, MO.

ANNIVERSARY, SATURDAY BEFORE FIRST SUNDAY IN OCTOBER, 1842.

J. Juden, _____, *Chairman*._____, _____, *Secretary*._____, _____, *Treasurer*.

Receipts, \$61 71.

NEW-YORK BAPTIST DOMESTIC MISSION SOCIETY.

ANNIVERSARY, AT THE DISCRETION OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS.

Nathan C. Platt, _____, *President*.J. B. Kidder, _____, *Secretary*.Charles W. Houghton, _____, *Treasurer*.

Receipts, \$1200.

ILLINOIS RIVER ASSOCIATION, ILLINOIS.

ANNIVERSARY, SECOND THURSDAY IN JUNE.

_____, _____, *Chairman*.Thomas Powell, Vermilionville, *Cor. Secretary*._____, _____, *Treasurer*.

Receipts, \$8.

NORFOLK-ST. FEMALE HOME MISSION SOCIETY, NEW-YORK CITY.

ANNIVERSARY, FIRST THURSDAY IN MARCH.

Mrs. Deborah Peterson, No. 144 Bowery, *1st Directress*.Mrs. Eliza Plymer, No. 140 Norfolk-street, *Secretary*.Mrs. S. Davis, No. 36 Broome-street, *Treasurer*.

Receipts, \$38.

CONVENTIONS NOT AUXILIARY.

NORTH CAROLINA CONVENTION.

ELEVENTH ANNIVERSARY.

Gen. Alfred Dockery, Dockery's Store, *President*.Rev. W. H. Jordan, Williamsboro, *Cor. Secretary*." A. J. Battle, Forrestville, *Treasurer*.*Next Anniversary, Friday before third Sunday in October, near Murfreesboro, N. C.*

SOUTH CAROLINA CONVENTION.

TWENTY-FIRST ANNIVERSARY.

J. Davis, _____, *President*.Rev. R. Furman, Cheraw, *Secretary*.W. Smith, _____, *Treasurer*.*Next Anniversary, December, at _____*

GEORGIA CONVENTION.

TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY.

Rev. B. M. Sanders, Penfield, *President*.
 " W. H. Stokes, " *Secretary*.
 Absalom Janes, " *Treasurer*.

Next Anniversary, Friday before the third Sunday in May, 1842, at La Grange.

ALABAMA CONVENTION.

EIGHTEENTH ANNIVERSARY.

Rev. Thomas Chilton, Talladega, *President*.
 " J. H. Devotie, Marion, *Cor. Secretary*.
 " W. C. Crane, Montgomery, *Treasurer*.

Next Anniversary, Saturday before the second Sunday in November, 1842, Montgomery.

MISSISSIPPI CONVENTION.

FIFTH ANNIVERSARY.

Benjamin Whitfield, Esq., Meridian Springs, *President*.
 N. R. Granberry, Raymond, *Cor. Secretary*.
 T. S. N. King, Brandon, *Treasurer*.

Next Anniversary, Friday before the last Sunday in May, 1842, at Pontotoc.

MISSIONARY TABLE.

The following table* shows the number of agents and missionaries sustained by the Society and its auxiliaries, and the amount of labor reported by them.

An Asterisk (*) denotes those who received their appointment directly from the Society.

* Our auxiliaries are all respectfully requested to have similar tables prepared for their Annual Reports, as in doing so they will facilitate the operations of the Executive Committee, and, it is believed, those of the auxiliaries themselves. Each missionary can, with very little trouble, report the requisite labor; and, understanding that it is requisite, in many instances the table will be found a valuable guide to their efforts.

The Executive Committee desire to report the labor of all the missionaries correctly; and as each Board of Managers have their own mode of doing business, and understand all the data upon which their missionaries form their Reports, they can condense and put them in tabular form more correctly than any others—especially persons at a great distance.

The post-office address, fields of labor, &c., are very desirable to facilitate correspondence and impart knowledge of those portions of the country which are occupied.

Names of Agents and Missionaries.	RESIDENCE.			FIELDS OF LABOR.	DATE OF COMMISSION.	Weeks labor Reported	No. of missions supplied	No. of sermons preached	No. of pastoral visits.	No. of miles travelled.	No. Baptized.	Temperance pledges obtained	Scholars in Sunday School.	People in Bible class.	Vols. in Library.
	Town or Post Office.	County.	State.												
*Oris Briggs *Josiah Tilton D. Small Megregor Kendall Donham Lawrence Baldwin William Brown William Fuller E. K. Spaulding S. B. Brown Joseph G. Palmer Albert A. Pitman Isaac A. Rose Arthur H. Baker John Tew Thomas Miner Cyrus Peck *John Winchell *Stephen Parsons J. Gardick E. J. Bemis *Henry Curtis *M. Purinton Charles House	Hampden Limerick Harpawell Hamlin's Gore Sumner Bristol Pawtucket Lonsdale Westerly Cumberland Hill Natick Richmond East Greenwich Hopkinton New Woodstock Lockport	Penobscot York Bristol Madison Niagara	Me. do do do do do Vt. R. I. do do do do do do do do do N. Y. do 												

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 Isaac Butterfield
 S. A. Estes
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 N. E. Chapin
 Abel Haskell
 Alva Whitten
 William Frary
 Horace Spencer
 A. Graham
 William R. Webb
 John N. Webb
 Oliver H. Reed
 Thomas P. Childs
 Alfred Handy
 Henry Brown
 M. Eastwood
 James W. Jones
 M. B. Morey
 J. B. Wilkins
 J. B. Robbins
 B. A. Hadley
 E. W. Martin
 E. C. Rodgers
 E. H. Walden
 John Wark
 P. H. Dwyre
 J. H. Smith
 J. A. Casler
 H. A. Spencer
 W. Smith
 W. Capron

N. Y. Attica, Wyoming co.
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 do Baldwinville, Otsego co.
 do Batavia, Genesee co.
 do Batavia and Pembroke, Gen. co.
 do Boonville, Oneida co.
 do Bradford, Penn.
 do Bristol and Naples, Ont. co.
 do Byron, Genesee co.
 do Branchport, Yates co.
 do Cairo, Greene co.
 do Camden, Oneida co.
 do Canandaigua, Ont. co.
 do Carthage, Jefferson co.
 do Centreville, Allegany co.
 do Cherry Valley, Otsego co.
 do Chittensango, Mad. co.
 do Cicero, Otsego co.
 do Cohoesville, Albany co.
 do Cornwall, Orange co.
 do Constantia, Oswego co.
 do Coxsackie, Greene co.
 do Cuba village, Allegany co.
 do Delmar, Pa.
 do Dix and Orange, Chemung co.
 do Ellicottville, Cattaraugus co.
 do Essex village, Essex co.
 do Factoryville, Tioga co.
 do First Bainbridge, Chen. co.
 do First Burlington, Otsego co.
 do First Butternuts, Otsego co.
 do First Canaan, Col. co.
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 do First Greenfield, Saratoga co.

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APPENDIX.

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Names of Agents and Ministers.	RESIDENCE.			FIELDS OF LABOR.	DATE OF COMMISSION.	Weeks labor reported.	No. stations supplied.	No. of sermons preached.	No. of pastoral visits.	No. of miles traveled.	No. Baptized.	Temperance pledges obtained.	Scholars in Sunday School.	Pupils in Bible class.	No. of vols. in Library.
	Town or Post Office.	County.	State.												
V. Watrous			N. Y.	First Guildland, Albany co.	July, 1841	13					10		35	10	60
do			do	First Lysander, Onon. co.	February, 1841	26					6		30	20	100
b Reed			do	First Westmoreland, Onei. co.	October, 1840	52					16		55	20	100
Willingham			do	Franklinville, Catta. co.	"	52					31		30		100
Woodin			do	Fulton, Oswego co.	April, 1840	52									
Cherryman			do	Freedom, Catta. co.	May, 1841	6									
Moses Pickett			do	Gainsville, Wyoming co.	February 1, 1841	26					2				
J. B. McCollum			do	Glenville, Saratoga co.	June, 1840	52					19				
J. K. Walls			do	Glen's Falls, Warren co.	May, 1840	52									
Nathan Lewis			do	Grafton, Rens. co.	October, 1840	26									
Obanney Darby			do	Greene village, Chen. co.	May, 1841	52					64				
Durfee			do	Hampden, Del. co.	June, 1840	26									
T. Trombridge			do	Holland, Erie co.	October, 1840	52									
J. Trumbull			do	Horsicon, Warren co.	"	52					9		25	12	50
J. H. Reed			do	Hume, Allegany co.	April, 1840.	39					10		50	15	
O. Edmunds			do	Jersey City, New-Jersey	June, 1840	35					6		35		
J. G. Lewis			do	Jerseyville, Steuben co.	April, 1840	26					1		35		75
Ros Lawton			do	Kinderhook, Columbia co.	December, 1841	52					3		60	20	200
D. M. Morris			do	Kingston, Ulster co.	June, 1840	35					6		30		100
Samuel Marshall			do	Knowlesville, Orleans co.	May, 1840	26					5		100		150
Ed W. Ney			do	La Grange, Chau. co.	October, 1840	39							30		50
Norman N. Wood			do	Lebanon Springs, Col. co.	"	52							20		100
do			do	Leon, Catta. co.	"	52									
Edward Anson			do	Lodi, Erie co.	"	52									
Frederic Cress			do	Lottsville, Pa.	"	26									
William Baker			do	Lyzons, Wayne co.	February, 1840	64					1		40	20	

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George M. Spratt
 James Nickerson
 Wm. K. Mott
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 James Crichton
 Stadman Searl
 David James
 J. Booser
 E. Gill
 J. Smith
 W. V. Wilson
 J. P. Weber
 J. W. Wigg
 W. F. Brown
 J. B. Case
 E. Haydock
 J. M. Church
 J. M. Carpenter
 J. S. Eisenbrey
 W. Raddy
 E. D. Fendall
 W. Smith
 J. B. Morris
 W. Leach
 W. H. Turtan
 J. Spencer
 G. Young
 J. B. Case
 D. P. Pardon
 D. Gillette
 Tobias Pinkham
 A. Wilson
 C. Tucker
 T. Wilson
 J. C. Brittal
 William Leach

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 do Harmony Association
 do Tuscarora Station
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 do Newfoundland
 do Key Port
 do Washington
 do May's Landing
 do Hunterdon
 do Pottery Creek
 do Cross Roads and Washington
 do Gloucester
 do West Creek
 do Vincentown
 do Pittsgrove
 do Canton
 do Cedarville
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March, 1841	35	119	116	8	9	3
October, 1840	14	54	50	9	9	9
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" "	52	170	75			
May, 1841	13	25	58	4	4	4
October, 1840	35	153	100	2	2	2
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May 1, 1840	52			2	2	2
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Names of Agents and Missionaries.	RESIDENCE.			FIELDS OF LABOR.	DATE OF COMMISSION.	Weeks labor reported.	No. stations supplied.	No. of sermons preached.	No. of pastoral visits.	No. of miles traveled.	No. baptized.	Temperance pledges obtained.	Scholars in Sunday School.	Pupils in Bible class.	No. of vols. in library.
	Town or Post Office.	County.	State.												
J. Curvin	St. Georges	New-Castle	Pa.	New-Castle Co. and vicinity	June 10, 1841	52	16216	860	3237	18	255	246			
H. Ketchum	Wilmington	New-Castle	do	Wilmington	July 1, 1841	39	1	790		52	105	412			
John Given	East New-Market	Dorchester	do	Eastern Shore	May 1, 1840	13		42	766	9	10	8			
D. C. Jones	Baltimore	Baltimore	do	Madison-street Church	April 1, 1841	39	11143	151	2725	4					
A. Compton	Rockville	Montgomery	do	Itinerant	May 1, 1841	52	3	86	79	1259	38	50	15	86	
R. E. Thomas	Pikeville	Baltimore	do	Pikeville and vicinity	Sept. 12, 1841	52	1								
T. E. Morris	Baltimore	Baltimore	do	Madison-street Church	April 1, 1842	39	1117	219	422	8	60	100			
S. D. Hall	Washington City		D. C.	Itinerant	June 24, 1841	39	1117	219	422	8	60	100			
S. P. Williams	College Hill		do	Navy Yard Church	Oct. 1, 1841	39	1117	219	422	8	60	100			
L. Williams	Clarkeburg	Harrison	Va.	Georgetown	March 15, '41	39	1117	219	422	8	60	100			
D. S. Hall				Harrison and Lewis Co		39	1117	219	422	8	60	100			
Wm. Green						39	1117	219	422	8	60	100			
Wm. K. Green						39	1117	219	422	8	60	100			
H. B. Hewitt						39	1117	219	422	8	60	100			
H. A. Miller						39	1117	219	422	8	60	100			
C. S. Miles						39	1117	219	422	8	60	100			
J. G. Thompson						39	1117	219	422	8	60	100			
J. P. Ford Leach						39	1117	219	422	8	60	100			
John Daniel Wilburn						39	1117	219	422	8	60	100			
John W. Goodman						39	1117	219	422	8	60	100			
John H. Jones						39	1117	219	422	8	60	100			
Joseph Mettam						39	1117	219	422	8	60	100			
Joseph Compton						39	1117	219	422	8	60	100			
William Laws						39	1117	219	422	8	60	100			
William Webb						39	1117	219	422	8	60	100			
Stephen Chapin						39	1117	219	422	8	60	100			
Benjamin Holden						39	1117	219	422	8	60	100			

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Names of Agents and Missionaries.	RESIDENCE.		FIELDS OF LABOR.	DATE OF COMMISSION.	Weeks labor reported.	No. stations supplied.	No. of sermons preached.	No. of pastoral visits.	No. of miles traveled.	No. Baptized.	Temperance pledges obtained.	Scholars in Sunday School.	People in Bible classes.	No. of vols. in Library.
	Town or Post Office.	County.												
T. W. Haynes			Middle Tennessee		52	4				4				
B. Kimbrough					52					50				
G. Tucker														
G. Seal														
T. Gilbert														
A. Anderson														
A. Wilford														
F. A. T. Robert	Louisville	Jefferson	Louisville	May 1, 1841	42	1	112	122	330	4	50	300	15	345
	Covington	Campbell	Covington	Sept. 1, 1840	50	1	151	76	700	4	50	100	15	200
Joseph Aikin			do											
Moses Lock			do											
James Holman			Russell Creek Association							964				
H. Black			Elkhorn		17		851							
R. D. Curry			do											
J. G. Loveless			Salem		52		207		1207	41				
A. Lovelace			Bethel											
C. W. Morrison			do											
R. Williams			Little Bethel											
W. H. Hagner			South District											
J. S. Buckner			Cumberland River		52									
J. Head			Goshen											
William Ellis			do											
W. Williams	Lexington	La Fayette	Lexington and vicinity	Jan. 1, 1841-2	65	1	170	66	1440	24	477	127		160
H. P. Williams	Perryville	Perry	N Cape Girardeau Association	March 1, 1841-2	52	6	144	2	1317	7	97	30		50
A. Clark	Green	C. Girardeau	do	Jan. 13, 1841	52	7	252		2016	4				
A. Smith	Potosi	Washington	do	April 1, 1841	39	0	176		2021	29				
G. Anderson	Cape Girardeau	C. Girardeau	do	June 1, 1841	39	0	90	50	644	2	61			
W. H. Hagner	Palatka	Gassonde	Gassonde County	July 4, 1841	50	2	30		400	7				

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	Town or Post Office.	County.	State.												
* Reuben Coffey	Ellettsville	Monroe	In.	Bloomington Association	Nov. 22, 1840-1	39	4	104	1383	17	31	100	150		
* Daniel Palmer	Jacksonville	Switzerland	do	Switzerland County	Dec. 1, 1840-1	41	3	103	30	809	31	100			
* John Hill	Kirklin	Clinton	do	Tippecanoe Association	Jan. 1, 1841-2	65	4	218	35	1496	17				
* George Mathews	Claysville	Washington	do	Itinerant	Jan. 1, 1841	39	1	147	2815						
* Abel R. Hinkley	Franklin	Johnson	do	Franklin	April 1, 1841	22	1	33	300	2	86	50			
* Joshua Currier	St. Omer	Decatur	do	Itinerant	June 1, 1841	39	4	223	75	1295	58	100	120		
* Madison Hume	Augusta	Marion	do	Marion County and vicinity	Aug. 1, 1841	19	5	93	38	841	12	35			
* William Gelderslove	Fort Wayne	Allen	do	Fort Wayne	Nov. 1, 1841	13	2	39	10		12	37			
William Moor			do			8				140	13				
F. G. Baldwin			do	Blackford County		13		19		317	3				
Robert Tisdale			do	Itinerant		4		27		290	5				
R. G. French			do			4		20		500	11				
D. D. C. Hurring			do			21		100							
B. Marsh			do			52				260					
A. Rees			do	Agent		4		38							
W. Hastings			do			4									
A. Gwin			do			4									
B. H. Dunlap			do			3		95		529					
J. W. Riley			do			7		43		447	4				
G. Richmond			do			15		106		911	8				
N. Neal			do												
A. R. Spear			do	Grant County and vicinity											
E. C. Townsend			do			39		230		1485	17				
T. C. Johnson			do	Itinerant		6		34		395	10				
William Corbin			do			4				394	2				
J. W. Givan			do			4		28			2				
Wm. Boaz			do			4		38		337	7				

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	Augusta	Desmoines	I. T. Desmoines and Henry County	March 19, 1842	31	4175	130	700	26	25	
* Alexander Evans	Springfield	Jackson	do Forks of Makoqueta River	March 20, 1841	39	8164	75	1997	11	40	
* Charles E. Brown	Rawdon		do Rawdon and vicinity	May 1, 1841	39	2153	256	2601	3	20	20
* John Butler	Bellville		do Sydney and Thurlow	June 1, 1840	13	40		500	2		
* William Geary	West Berkshire, Vt.		do	Oct. 15, 1840	21	72		536			
* Peter Chase	Georgetown	Stanstead	do Stanstead and Hatley	Oct. 15, 1840	26	3130	69	560		33	40
* Edward Mitchell	Georgetown		do Bolton and vicinity	Oct. 15, 1840	24	1100		500	29	60	100
* S. B. Ryder, Jr.	Barnston		do Barford	Jan. 1, 1841-2	65	6224	180	1770		33	40
* Israel Ide	Van Kleeck Hill		do Itinerant	Jan. 26, 1841	52	4174	82	1740	6	78	100
* William Fraser	Brantford		do Brantford	Nov. 7, 1841	52	2139	50	550	5	120	
* William Rees	Galveston	Galveston	do Texas Galveston and Houston	Jan. 4, 1842	52	2141		1250	137		
* James Huckins	Independence	Washington	do Independence and Washington								
* William M. Tryon											

NOTE.—The Rhode Island Convention held its seventeenth anniversary on the second Wednesday in April, 1842, but their Report of missionary labor did not reach us till after the printing of the foregoing statements.

By their Report it appears that they have had 11 missionaries in the field during the year, who have performed 8 years and 3 months labor; preached 230 sermons; and baptized 227 persons. The causes in Rhode Island. The officers for 1842 are Rev. J. Dowling, *President*; Rev. J. C. Jameson, *Secretary*; and V. J. Bates, Esq., *Treasurer*; all of Providence. Receipts for Home Missions, \$1170.

STATISTICAL TABLES.

Showing the Associations connected with Auxiliary Bodies; together with the number of Churches, Ministers and Members; the number Baptized, and the net Increase or Decrease of members in each, during the year reported.

MAINE CONVENTION.

Associations.	Anniversaries.	TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING.	No. Churches.	Ord. Ministers.	Licentiates.	No. Baptized.	Total No. Membr.	Increase.	Decrease.
Cumberland		Brunswick, last Tues. in Aug.	15	12	19	62	1672	115	
Oxford		Sumner, 3d Wedn. in Sept.	23	18	4	115	1703	23	
Piscataquis		Gouford, 2d Tuesday in Sept.	19	12	2	51	826	19	
Waldo		China, 2d Wednesday in Sept.	21	13	1	43	1393	54	
York		Wells, 2d Tuesday in Sept.	28	19	4	63	2232	122	
Lincoln		Thomaston, 3d Wedn. in Sept.	22	20	2	236	3571	124	
Kennebec		Bloomfield, 3d Wedn. in Sept.	24	21	2	28	1430	5	
Hancock		Sedgwick, 3d Wedn. in Sept.	26	16	2	33	2254	12	
Penobscot		Pakistya, 3d Sat. in September	27	14	2	23	1534		
Washington		Cherryfield, 1st Wedn. in Sept.	23	11	2	38	1970	2	
Bowdoinham		Richmond, 4th Tuesday in Sept.	27	27	5	58	2317	26	
Total,			266	191	27	757	20682	536	14

NEW-HAMPSHIRE CONVENTION.

Newport	14 Newport, last Wedn. in Aug. 1862	10	10	1	24	1450	136	
Dublin	33 Richmond, 1st Wedn. in Sept. do	16	13		116	1272	23	
Meredith	53 2d Sandborston, 3d Wed. do do	25	16	4	137	2044	15	
Salisbury	24 Pittsfield, 3d Wedn. in Sept. do	14	10	1	95	1391	52	
Milford	15 Hallow, 4th Wedn. in Sept. do	19	17		112	1750	39	
Portsmouth	14 Great Falls, 1st Wedn. in Oct. do	14	12	2	41	1515	1	
Unas. Churches		7	2			200	36	
Total,		105	82	8	525	9022	65	100

VERMONT CONVENTION.

Windham Co.	14	12	5	15	1190	41
Addison County	12	11	3	36	1070	253
Danville	22	13		107	1451	127
Fairfield	13	9	3	44	910	37
Barre	10	5		30	547	104
Cham River	15	11		39	1155	53
Lyndon	13	10		22	1120	39
Windsor	12	14	3	67	2000	66
Shelburne	2	4	2	7	733	120
Total	120	85	13	300	10025	57

MASSACHUSETTS CONVENTION.

Associations.	Anniversaries.	TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING.	No. Churches.	Ord. Ministers.	Licentiate.	No. Baptized.	Total No. Memb.	Increase.	Decrease.
Barnstable		Edgarton, 4th Wed. in Sept. 1841	15	13	1	49	1089	48	
Berkshire		South Adams, 2d Wed. in Oct. do	12	8	2	25	720		60
Boston		Boston, 3d Wed. in Sept. do	35	26		1151	6671	1185	
Franklin			11	8	4	45	738		16
Old Colony			21	20	2	118	1650	33	
Salem			26	19	6	585	5330	347	
Sturbridge			12	11	1	68	1314	9	
Taunton			13	11	3	224	1812	197	
Wendall			12	9	3	16	1004		33
Westfield			19	16	2	72	1650	40	
Worcester			27	30		224	2917	232	
Unas. Churches			7	4			446	87	
Total,			210	175	24	2577	25341	2178	109

RHODE ISLAND CONVENTION.

Warren	{ Woonsocket Falls, 2d Wed. } in Sept. 1842	{ 36 34 2 313 5516 320
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CONNECTICUT CONVENTION.

Hartford	1st Canton	23	16	45	2056	7	
Fairfield	Bridgeport	12	10	100	1059	154	
New-Haven	Deep River	15	12	185	2028	33	
New-London	North Lyme	19	15	30	2202		41
Ashford	Willington	16	16	61	1745		43
Stonington Union	1st North Stonington	14	14	138	2176	135	
Total,		99	83	559	11266	329	84

NEW-JERSEY CONVENTION.

New-Jersey	28	23	3	335	3984	184	
Central N. Jersey	17	15	1	78	1756	87	
New-York	17	13	2	156	2314	78	
Sussex	9	6		93	1100		
Hudson River	4	3	2	15	168	8	
Total,		75	60	8	677	9322	357

NEW-YORK CONVENTION.

Associations.	Anniversaries	TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING.	No. Churches.	Ord. Ministers.	Licentiate.	No Baptized.	Total No. Memb.	Increase.	Decrease.
Black River		Belleville, June 8, 2d Wed.	31	25	1	203	3375	73	
Broome & Tioga		Maine Village, do do	16	12	2	81	1506		
Buffalo		Strykersville, Sept. 14	21	15	5	194	1888	87	
Brndford		Smithfield, June 1, 1st Wed.	15	12	3	36	832		
Cattaraugus		Andover, Sept. 14, 2d Wed.	10	9	1	50	385	28	
Cayuga		Ellicottville, June 29, last Wed	21	15		140	1542	197	
Chautauque		Auburn, Thursday, Sept 22	17	18	2	133	2214	93	
Chenango		Forestville, Sept 7, 2d Wed	24	23	2	105	1630		5
Cortland		Norwich, Thursday, Sept. 8	26	19	5	260	3158	332	
Dutchess		Sempronius 2d ch., Sept. 15	20	17	5	132	2531	4	
Essex & Champ.		Beekmansville, Oct. 5	11	11	2	72	751	88	
Franklin		Millford Centre, June 22,	20	15	4	139	1724		181
Genesee		Lo Roy, Tuesday, June 14	21	20	1	146	2394		11
Genesee River		Castile, Thursday, June 16	17	14	2	134	1944	42	
Harmony		Clymer, Tuesday, Aug. 30	22	20	1	84	1597	83	
Hudson River		Poughkeepsie, June 14	45	54	15	641	8922	414	
Jefferson Union		1st Summit, Sept 28	6	4	1	91	448		
Lake George		Johnsbuigh, Sept 7, 1st Wed.	11	7	3	67	1202	41	
Lexington, A. M		Broome, Wednesday, June 15	11	8		13	774		
Livingstone		Mount Morris Village, June 22	9	6		47	615		
Madison		Madison, Sept. 13, 2d Tues.	18	26	7	160	2571	31	
Mohawk River		Salisbury, June 8, 2d Wed.	11	10	2	119	1147	66	
Monroe		East Mendon, Oct. 5, Wed.	21	17		163	2739	105	
New-York*		First Church, N. Y., May 31	20	24	4	323	2529	33	
Niagara		Somerset, June 8, 2d Wed.	22	24		82	1589	201	
Oneida		Bridgewater, Sept. 6	30	31	7	210	3141	151	
Onondaga		Syracuse, Sept 20, 3d Tues.	20	18	3	285	2453	164	
Ontario		Seneca Falls, Thurs af 4 Wed	21	21	2	160	2053		105
Oswego		Richland, June 15, 3d Wed.	19	16	3	148	1580	208	
Otsego		West Winfield, July 21	17	15	4	80	1835	381	
Rensselaersville								54	
Saratoga		Galway 2d ch, June 28	25	22	5	329	2882		
Seneca		Elmira Village, Oct. 5	22	18	2	358	2614	210	
Stephentown		East Hinsdale, Sept. 14	16	15	2	109	1415		27
Steuben		Penn Yan, Sept. 7, 1st Wed.	22	18	2	152	2089		59
St. Lawrence		Canton, Sept. 14, 2d Wed.	27	16	2	249	2237	251	
Washing Union		Kingsbury, June 8, 2d Wed.	24	29	1	78	2870		159
Wayne		Palmyra, Sept. 27	16	13	4	280	1775	295	
Worcester		West Worcester, July 6th	11	9	1	45	824		179
Total,			736	656	105	5087	79906	3627	761

MARYLAND.

Union | 6 | Hereford, Thursday, Oct., 1842 | 10 | 8 | | 285 | 1554 | 262 |

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N. Cape Girardeau | 1 | Swamp Church, Oct., 1842 | 10 | 7 | | 40 | 246 | 45 |

* Churches in New-Jersey not included.

TENNESSEE CONVENTION.

No Associational Tables having been received, those of last year are republished.

Associations.	Anniversaries.	TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING.		No. Churches.	Ord. Ministers.	Licentiated.	No. Baptized.	Total No. Memb.	Increase.	Decrease.
Hwassaee				14	7	8		700	100	
Sweetwater				18	16	2		1200	200	
Tennessee				20	18	6		2200	300	
Nolachucky				15	6	1		700		
Holstein				15				800		
Mulberry Gap				15	10			500		
				10	8			300		
East Tennessee				12	10			600		
Duck River				24	11			1400		
Cotcord				17	12			700		
Total,				160	98	17		9100	600	

OHIO CONVENTION.

Columbus		19	15		357	1371	
Miami		13	8		283	1004	
Grand River		19	8	3	20	1026	
Strait Creek		19	11	4	300	787	
Huron		20	14	1	130	1089	
Meigs Creek		22	10		159	1119	
Rocky River		26	13	4	213	990	
Portage		19	8		136	790	
Mohican		14	7		92	489	
Sandusky River		12	8	2	44	450	
Geauga		14	6		46	580	
Lorain		16	9		296	899	
Willis' Creek		20	10		179	952	
Wooster		11	11	1	149	453	
Trumbull		8	4		12	244	
Zoar		13	8	1	119	567	
East Fork of Little Miami		15	7	2	375	1382	
Owl Creek, Harmony		15	7		106	609	
Todd's Fork		5	2		24	136	
Ohio		18	11	7	49	1053	
Salem		10	7		11	230	
Mad River		35	13	4	345	1542	
Scioto		12	5		140	475	
Total,		375	202	29	3585	18239	

NORTH-WESTERN CONVENTION.

Northern	6	Warrenville, 1st Wed. June, 1842	19	11		79	771	151
Illinois River	5	Dixon, 2d Thurs. in June, 1842	17	14	4	106	625	143
Total,			36	25	4	185	1396	294

PENNSYLVANIA CONVENTION.

Associations.	Anniversaries.	TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING.	No. Churches.	Ord. Ministers.	Licentiated.	No. Baptized.	Total No. Memb.	Increase.	Decrease.
Philadelphia	133		42	43	4	726	6810		
Central Union	8		16	17	1	239	2498		
Monongahela	8		26	16	1	488	2137		
French Creek	18		26	15	6	75	1391		
Bridgewater	16		20	11	1	116	1594		
Pittsburgh	3		8	4		105	838		
Northumberland	20		12	5		82	10		
Centre	11		10	6	1	48	715		
Bradford	7		15	11	3	36	746		
Clarion	4		15	6	1	92	645		
Redstone	64		13	7	2	4	382		
Chemung	45		8	6	1	9	231		
Abingdon	33		18	10		188	1397		
Delaware River	2		8	4		1	337		
Juniata			8	2			137		
Total,			245	163	21	2209	20767		

MICHIGAN CONVENTION.

Michigan	Stoney Creek, 3d Wed. Oct. 1842	45	29	6	164	2639
St. Joseph's Riv.	Newborg, 3d Wed. June, 1842	13	6		49	384
Lenawee	2d Rome, last Wed. May, 1842	16	10	1	70	981
Shiawassee	Woodhull, 4th Wed. June, 1842	8	3		38	295
Washtenaw	Ann Arbor, 1st Wed. June, 1842	14	7		52	842
Jackson	Napoleon, 4th Wed. Sept., 1842	17	13	1	86	695
Kalamazoo		10	9		23	400
Unas. Churches		5	1		2	81
Total		128	78	8	484	6317

IOWA TERRITORY.

Iowa	3d Rochester, Friday, Sept. 2, 1842	7	4	1	19	165
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PLEASE OBSERVE.

The design of the Executive Committee, in the foregoing Statistical Tables, is to report those Associations which co-operate with the Auxiliaries of the Society. A desire very extensively exists that they may be completely filled every year. If this were done they would subserve several special purposes. We mention only that they would acquaint the Committee with all the Associations which comprise the Auxiliaries of the Society, and their annual changes, and prove a valuable aid to those who need the information they contain, or to those who wish to correspond with, or visit those Associations at their Anniversaries.

We would, therefore, respectfully request each State Auxiliary to adopt suitable measures at their anniversary meetings, to obtain the minutes of those Associations within their borders which co-operate with them, and from them prepare tables like the foregoing, to be printed with their Annual Reports, AND SEND US A COPY BY MAIL AS SOON AS THEY ARE PRINTED.

If merely the name and post-office address of the person mailing it, with the word "Exchange" is written on the Pamphlet, a copy of ours will be forwarded in return.

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT IN DETAIL.

Receipts for American Baptist Home Mission Society, from May 1st 1841, to April 1st, 1842. Reported Monthly in the religious papers.

Maine.

Collections by Rev. O. Briggs, Agent: Dorcas Merrill, by her husband Levi Merrill, to make her life member, \$5; Dorcas Hunting Coriath, by her husband John Hunting, balance of life member, 10; Hiram Hiron, no subscription, 1; Joshua Hawes, do. 2; William Merrill, Thomaston, 1; Dorcas Joseph Catland, 1; Samuel Fogarty, 3 cts; Benj. Flint, 1; John S. Catland, 1; Thomas Mer-
cia, do. George, 2 50; Barnabas Fountain, 1; Mrs. Eliza Miller, Warren, 1; Hannah C. Vaughan 1; Miss Eliza Miller, 10 cts; Deacon John Miller 1; Peter Fuller, Esq., 1; Dea. William L. Mer-
son, 1; Thomas Burton, 2; Stephen C. Burgess, 1; John Conoco, 1; Dorcas McCallum, 2; Wil-
liam Merson, 1; William H. Webb, 2; Richard Cley, Camden, 30 cts; Winthrop Thomas, do.
30 cts; Rev. Edward Freeman, do. 1; Mrs. Sarah Simmons, do. 1; Miss Lucy Pendleton, do.
50 cts; John Perkins, Topsham, 3 50.

New-Hampshire.

Through Herman Lincoln, Esq. Bap. Church, Great Falls, per Rev. Mr. Brown, \$10; Ladies' Mtn. Soc., Middle St. Bap. Ch., Portsmouth, per Rev. F. G. Brown, 13 50; Baptist Church, Ports-
mouth, Me. Con., per Rev. Mr. Brown, 10 00.

Vermont.

Through Herman Lincoln, Esq. Judith Sar-
gent, Hartland, per Rev. E. Hutchinson, 25 cts.

Massachusetts.

State Convention, per W. D. Tichnor, Esq. Treasurer, \$200; collections by Rev. John Peck, Gen. Agent; Abby N. Rice, Boston 2 50; First Church, Boston, per T. Richardson Tr., 100; E. G. Roberts, Roxbury, 10; Female Society of Baptist Church, Brookline, to make their pastor Rev. Wm. H. Shailer, a life member, 30; from State Convention, 7 50; "A Friend at B." per Cor. Sec. \$10; a Baptist sister, Russell, per Rev. S. Sumner, 1; Sally Smith, Hancock, by her husband Deacon G. Smith, to constitute her a life member, per Rev. J. D. Rogers through Rev. John Peck, agent, 20; collection in Second Baptist Church, W. Springfield, per Rev. R. Winchell, agent, 9 00; Rev. Benjamin F. Willard, W. Springfield, in part of life membership, do. 5; through Herman Lincoln, Esq. - United monthly meeting at Baldwin Place Church, Boston - per Capt. Shaw, 5; Female Mtn. Soc. Angleton, bal-
ance to constitute Rev. John S. White, L. D., 24 00; Baptist Church Cabbotville, Hampden county, to make their pastor Rev. J. G. Warren a life member, 30.

Rhode Island.

State Convention, J. Bates, Esq. Treasurer, through Rev. John Peck, Gen. Agent - First Church, Providence, collection \$20; Mrs. F. Ar-
nold, Providence, 10; Female Western Mission Society, 20; Ann Titus, Warwick 5; Pine street Baptist Church, Providence, to constitute Oliver M. Shaw life member, per Rev. John Dowling 20; through Herman Lincoln Esq., Miss Harriet Hunt, Woonsocket, to constitute Mrs. J. Leavitt Jones, Ministry to Sam. L. M. per Rev. J. Smith, 20; a "Friend to the Society" to consti-
tute Mrs. Susan E. Knowles, and Mrs. Eliza B. Rogers, of Providence, R. I., life members, 60.

Connecticut.

State Convention, through Rev. John Peck, General Agent, \$355 37; Baptist Church, East, to constitute their pastor, Rev. Wm. George Mil-
ler, a Life Director, through the Cor. Sec. 100; Baptist Church, New Haven, to constitute their pastor Rev. Thomas C. Tensdale life member, per Cor. Sec., 100; Baptist Church in Meriden, in part for life membership, per Rev. H. Miller, 25 25; Collections by the Rev. R. Winchell, agent, Collection to Baptist Church, Essex, 7 61; Donation from do., 25; Rev. Erastus Denison, Union in part of life membership, 8; ladies of the Baptist Church, New London, to make H. B. Knapp their pastor, a life member, 30; Collection of the same Church, 25 50; Mr. Daniel Latham, of the same Church, 100; collection at the Hart-
ford Association, 15 50; a Friend at the same place, 25 cts; Collection at Middletown, 25 00; three ladies of the Church at Cabbotville, by Rev. J. G. Warren, their pastor, 1 50; Baptist Church at Canton, in part of life membership, for Rev. Geo. B. Atwell, their pastor, 1; Baptist Church at Bristol, towards making their pastor, Rev. Mr. Hoar, a life member, 12 25; Rev. O. Allan, of the same place, 1; Friend to Mission in South Baptist Church, Hartford, in part to con-
stitute Mr. Niles Whiting, L. D., per Cor. Sec., 10; State Convention, by J. B. Gilbert, Tr., be-
quest of Elizabeth G. Moore, Hartford, deceased, \$200; Ladies of 2d Baptist Church, Groton, to make their pastor, Rev. Ira B. Steward a life member 30; 3d Baptist Church, Groton, in addi-
tion, to make their pastor, Rev. Erastus Denison a life member, 24; Baptist Church, Colerbrook, to make their pastor, Rev. Zalmon Tobey, a life member, 20; Baptist Church, Canton, in addition, to make Rev. Geo. B. Atwell a life member, 20.

New-York.

First Baptist Church, Albany, by Rev. J. L. Hodge, through Cor. Secretary, (with a gold ring,) \$20; Amity-street Baptist Church, per Thomas S. Richardson, Secretary of the committee on benevolent operations, 14 10, for Taxes, 50 cts., 14 60; J. M. Wilson, Catskill, per William Col-
gate, to constitute himself a life member, 20; Abraham Nason, Troy, balance of life mem-
bership, through Cor. Secretary, 10; Hudson River Association, by Palmer Townsend, Esq. Tr., 20; Robert Edwards, Esq., New York city, 10; Olive-
street Female Home Mission Society, per Mrs. Susan W. Caldwell, Tr., 100; R. Forsyth, Esq., Albany to constitute himself life member, per Cor. Sec., 10; Baptist Missionary Convention of the State, per Rev. John Peck, agent, 1,800; Olive-
Kilbrige, Troy, per do., 5; a sister, do., 50 cts.; Mrs. Louisa Griggs, Lebanon Springs, per do. 1; Stephentown Association, G. W. Glass, Tr., per do. 52 00; Lebanon Springs Church, to make Rev. N. N. Wood, life member, per do., 37 15; Mrs. Knox, at Honesdaleville Association, a pair of socks, per do., sold for 30 cts.; George W. Glass, Esq., to constitute himself life member, per Stephentown Baptist Association, per Geo. W. Glass Treasurer, 9 50; Union Association, to const. into Wm. H. Card life member, per Rev. L. Corvill through Cor. Sec., 50 81; John A. Mil-
ler, New York, to constitute Rev. J. L. Hodge, life director, per Cor. Sec., 100; Cannon street Bap. S. R. per J. Harland, Tr., 8; Stanton street Female Mtn. Soc., per Mrs. C. Phelps, Tr., per

Cor. Sec., 10 32; John and Margaret Martin, Montgomery, Orange co., 5 each, 10; collection at Queensbury, per Rev. R. Winchell, agent, 8 50; Peter Anderson, New York, life membership, per Cor. Sec., 30; Sunday School Mission Society, Sixteenth street Baptist Church, New York, to be applied to support of Sunday Schools in Mississippi Valley, per John Haviland, Esq., Treasurer, 11; Collections by Rev. J. Peck, General Agent: George James Amenias, Dutchess co., 10; D. Hartshorn, do., 25 cts.; Stanford Church collection, do., 11 42; Little Falls Church, to make Rev. J. W. Olmsted life member, 30; Pearl street Church, Albany, collection to make Mrs. B. T. Welch life member, 55 47; New York Baptist State Convention, an order for two thousand dollars, on which has been paid 600; G. Petit, Fabius, per Rev. C. G. Sommers, 5; Rev. B. M. Hill balance of life membership, 6 20; Mrs. H. D. Hill, to constitute herself a L. M., 30; Alfred Decker, to constitute himself L. M., 30. Collections per Rev. J. Peck, General Agent: *Oliver-street Church*: J. Morton 10, Jona. Odell 5, Thomas Purser 20, R. Pegg 10, C. W. Milbank 5, George Colgate 20, Mrs. Elizabeth Cauldwell 5, Oliver street Female Miss. Soc. to make Rev. E. Tucker L. D. 100; E. Withington 20, Mrs. Eliza P. Dodge 5, Mrs. Mary Calam 3, James Sadbury 5, John Haviland 5, Mrs. J. Arnold 5, Martha Rhodes 5, Mrs. M. L. Chapple 1, Mrs. J. D. Cauldwell, to make Rev. W. Reid, of Tariffville, Ct. L. M., 30; G. Adams 3, S. R. 2, Phebe Comstock 1, Anna Harmony 1, Grace Lewis 1, a friend 1, Mrs. Holmes 2, Mrs. J. Haviland 1, Eliza Hunt 1, J. B. Coleman 2, Master Spencer C. Smith and his little sister Emma 4, J. P. Drummond 10, J. M. Bruce 5, Mrs. Wm. D. Murphy 5, Caroline Cauldwell, for life membership, by her father Eben'r Cauldwell, 30; Rev. Elihu Tucker 10, Mrs. Elizabeth Milbank 15, Mrs. S. W. Cauldwell 5, David Lyon 10, Rev. Ira M. Allen 5, W. Williams 10, Mrs. Mary Ellis 5, Mary E. Dodge 10, Garrat N. Bleeker 10, Sarah P. Munn, to make Mrs. E. Tucker L. M., 30; Mrs. Sarah F. Bleeker 5, Robert Thompson, Jun., 20; Mrs. G. N. Bleeker 10, John R. Ludlow 100, S. R. R. 1, a friend to the cause 2, a friend 75c., Mrs. Margaret Griffith 3, Mrs. L. Reed 1, Robert King 50c., Richard Thompson 5, Robert Edwards 5, a female friend 5, E. B. White 1, Hannah Knight 1, a female friend 5, E. M. Tripp 2, Huldah M. Ricord 50c.

First Church.—Stephen B. Munn 100, Mrs. Ann Fuller 5, a friend 50 cts., T. T. 3, Mrs. R. W. Martin, life membership, 30; Mrs. J. Francis 5, A. T. 2, Mrs. S. Mollan 10, Mrs. Dr. Taylor 10, T. J. Mollan 5, Mrs. Catharine Mitchell 5, Theodore Clark 1, Mary Ring 5.

Tubernacle Church.—Rev. A. Maclay 10, C. Gilbert 10, Joshua Gilbert, Treasurer, 60.

South Church.—Mrs. Charles G. Sommers 1, S. C. Henth 10, a friend 1.

Stanton-street Church.—Female Home Miss. Society, to make Rev. David Bellamy, L. M., per Mrs. C. Phelps, Treasurer, 30.

Norfolk-street Church.—Female Home Miss. Society, to make Mrs. Nancy Elgren, L. M., 37 14.

Bethesda Church.—Mrs. Ann Guion, 1, Mrs. S. Katen, per Mrs. Parkinson 1, Rev. W. Parkinson 5.

Amity-street Church.—Wm. Kelly, to constitute his mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Kelly, a L. M., 30.

Ebenezer Church.—Collection 3 21, Ezekiel Archer 1.

East Church, Brooklyn.—John H. Smith, a little lad, 1; a sister, jewelry, valued at 57 cts., and cash 43 cts.; Mr. Eiler, per Rev. T. L. Taylor 5, a friend, gold watch valued at 90.

First Church, Brooklyn.—George Gault, in part for life membership, 10.

Pearl-street Church, Albany, in addition to collection, 5.

Hudson Baptist S. S. Miss. Soc., per N. P. Skinner, Esq., through Cor. Sec., 20; a few friends at Buffalo, by Rev. R. Winchell, 5 54; C. W. T., per Cor. Sec., 10; Ladies of Franklandale, Dutchess co., to constitute Elder Isaac Bernal life member, by G. W. Houghton, Treasurer, 30; Female Cent Society First Baptist Church, New York, to constitute Mrs. Mary Green life member, per Mrs. L. Devan, Sec., 53 50; received for printing Anniversary Sermons: H. Lincoln 5; J. Newton Brown, 5; Wm. B. Johnson, 2 4; John Smitzer, 25 cts.; J. Elliott, 50 cts.; N. Kendrick, 1; D. Dodge, 25 cts.; J. Hartwell, Jr., 50 cts.; Sermons sold at the Mission Room, 9 4.

New-Jersey.

First Baptist Church, Middletown, per Mr. Richard A. Leonard, through Cor. Secretary, 46; Jas. E. Welch, Burlington, through Cor. Secretary, 5; Church in New-Brunswick, to constitute Rev. G. S. Webb, life director, per Rev. John Peck, Gen. Agent, 110 50; John Farmer, per Mr. Robert Edwards, 5; Sussex Baptist Association, per Rev. T. C. Teasdale, 72; Collections by Rev. Otis Briggs, agent: a friend of Flemington, 25 cts.; Mrs. Ann Mott, Caldwell, per Cor. Sec., 1; through State Convention per P. P. Runyon, Tr., Baptist Church in Burlington, 15 30; do. Trenton and Lambertton, 38 63; do. Lyons Farms, 5; do. Salem, 17; a friend, 2; balance, 7 cts.

Pennsylvania.

Collections per Rev. O. Briggs, Agent: Mr. Martha White, Marcus Hook, 2; John D. White, do 5; Rev. Joseph Mathias, Hilltown, 3; Mr. Patience James, do., 1; Thomas Williams, do., 1; Nathan T. Williams, do., 50 cts.; Miss Sarah Williams, do., 50 cts.; William James, New Britain, 1; Mrs. Susan Evans, do., 1 50; Henry Mathias, do., 50 cts.; Mrs. Elizabeth Hough Penn. Township, 3; Mrs. Rebecca Hews, Lower Providence, 1; Mrs. Elizabeth Johnson, do., 30 cts.; Isaac Johnson, do., 1; Deacon David Morgan, do., 2; Jesse Johnson, do., 53 cts.; John Keece, do., 1; Mrs. Rebecca Caselbury, 1; members of Great Valley Church, to make Rev. Charles B. Keyes life member, 31 25; Mrs. Elizabeth, Mary Ann and Margaret Grover, 1; Widow Rachel Jones, 3; Bethel Moore, Betsomingo, Lower Marion, 5; George Nugent do., 5; Richard White, do., 3; Hugh Harrop, do., 1; David Roberts, do., 1; John Hoyle do., 1; Wm. Roberts, do., 1; Richard Gibson, do., 30 cts.; William Orrell, do., 1 50; John Kenworthy, do., 1; Joshua Omenseller, do., 1; John Preston, do., 1; James Wrigley, do., 50 cts.; David Hews, do., 25 cts.; William Whitehead, do., 1; Ann B. Ann, Manayunk, by her father Peter Rankin, first installment to make her life member, 10; Margaret McTaggart and Henry Rankin, to make David McTaggart a life member, 30; Christian Swartz, do., 2; David Rover, Mestown, 2; Collections at Pennepack Church, in part to make Rev. J. M. Challis a life director, 6 50; Johnson Talma, Phil., in part for life member, per B. R. Loxley, 20; Samuel F. Walker, Marcus Hook, 5; John P. Crozier, Penns Grove, P. O. 12; S. D. Phillips, Norristown, 5; Joseph Abraham, do., 3; Phoebe Phillips, do., 2; Mr. White, 1; George Ewe, do., 1; Thomas Scattergood, 1; B. F. Hancock, 1; per J. Reed, Tr. Central Union Association, through Rev. B. R. Loxley, of Philadelphia: A Friend, of Philadelphia, to constitute himself life director, 70.

Maryland.

John Barton, Baltimore, per Rev. Otis Briggs, Agent, 5; a member of the First Baptist Church, Baltimore, per Cor. Sec., 30.

Virginia.

Collections per Rev. Otis Briggs, Agent: Dr. Edward D. Grady, Sniggersville, Loudon county, 1; Rev. Thomas R. Evans, Churchville, Middlesex co., 5; William Wilkeson, Philmont, 1; Rev. Timothy Ropes, Winchester, 1; Michael Copenhaven, do., 1; Rev. Joseph Baker, do., 1;

William Helman, (on subscription,) Milward, 5; William R. Harris, do. 1; James Sowers, do. 1; Mrs. Frances Burgess, Washington, Rappahannock co., 3; Mr. Francis H. Hill, Madison Court House, 1; John H. Harrison, do. 1; George W. Harrison, do. 1; Milton Hertly, do., 2; Mrs. Frances H. Tryman, do. 1 50; James H. Murray, do., 50 cts.; Mrs. Mary J. Booton, Goodhope Court House, 2; Mrs. Fanny Lycomb, do. 1; Mrs. Barbary Booton, do., 50 cts.; Jeremiah Yager, do., 1 20; Wm. C. Gibbs, do., 50 cts.; Mrs. Fanny Walker, 1; Miss Fanny Walker, 50 cts.; Mrs. Ann White, (Blue Run Church,) Orange co., 50 cts.; Mrs. Mary Ellis, do. 50 cts.; Mrs. Mary Goodman, do., 25 cts.; Bellfield Johnson, do., 1; Mr. Goodman, do., 1; Thomas R. Hawkins, do., 50 cts.; Fountain D. Brockman, Charlottesville, 4; John D. Bibb, do. 1; William Dunham, (Piney Grove Church,) do. 5; Jeremiah A. Goodman, do. do. 2; John S. Abel, do. 1; Alex. P. Abel, do. 1; John Hill, do. 50 cts.; Elisha H. Thurman, do. 2; Mrs. Mary D. Thurman, do. 1; Mrs. Mary Hill, by her husband, George Hill, Millers P. O., Essex co., balance of life membership, per Elder Montague, 10; Hanover Church, King George county, per Elder Montague, 1 50; Crooked Run Benevolent Society, Culpepper co., per Dea. Abner Hudson, Locust Dale, Madison co., 1 58; Mrs. Martha Clopton, by her husband Elder James Clopton, first instalment to make her life member, New Kent C. H., per son J. C. Clopton, 10; Newville Church, Sussex county, per Eld. Gwathmey, 6 44; Supponey Church, do. per do. 9 25; Cuthanks Church, Dinwiddie co., Mercy Seat and Chesnut Hill Church, Notaway co., per Elder Jos. W. D. Creath, their pastor, 33 33; Brewwington Church, Kings & Queens co., per Richard Badgley, Esq., Treasurer, per Elder Thomas W. Sydnor, 10; Mrs. Mary A. Brown, per Elder Wm. R. Powell, 5; Mrs. Nancy W. Colman, per do. 2 50; Mt. Hermon Church, Spottsylvania C. H., per Elder Herndon Frazier, 8 25; Mt. Hermon Church, per Mr. William Duisenbury, 3 50; Henry Jarratt, per Elder Justin 5; Piscataway Church, Essex co., per Mr. Sands, through Elder Montague, 1840, 20 95; Dr. William Gwathmey, first instalment to make his wife Elizabeth T. a life member, per Mr. Sands, 10; Nancy S. Parish, by husband, Flemington Parish, first instalment to make her a life member, Shannon Hill, Gouchland co., 5; Elizabeth O. Mitchell, by husband, O. T. Mitchell, to make her life member, Mitchell's Store, Gouchland county, 5; Sarah Terry, by husband, William Terry, to make her life member, first instalment, Fifes P. O., do. 5; Jeremiah Woodward, Belham, P. O., do. 2; Anna Key, by husband, Martin Key, first instalment to make her life member, do. do. 5; Two persons at Deep Run Church, 1 50; Rev. George Trice, Richmond, 3; Achilles Lumpkin, Richmond, 2; Nancy W. Hall, by husband, Lancelott Hall, first instalment to make her a life member, Belham, P. O., Gouchland co., 10; Rev. J. Ogilvie, N. Baltimore, 5; Dr. Peter R. Bowen, Jefferson, 2; James Rockham, Stevensburg, 2; Benj. Sanders, Locust Grove, Orange co., 1; George W. Morton, Thorn Hill, do. 2 50; John Terrill, Orange Spring, 2 50; Rev. John C. Gordon, Stevensburg, Culpepper co., 5; Charles Taliferro, do. 1; collection at Pisgah Church, 7 85; Thomas Scott, Orange Court House, 1; Virginia Scott, his wife, do. 1; Miss Virginia Portor, do. 1; Miss Lucetta Cabb, do. 25 cts.; Mrs. Tabatha Cawherd, do. 2; Mrs. Frances Cawherd, do. 1; John Scott, Gordonsville, 2; Widow Lucy Cawherd, do. 5; Mrs. Mary Cawherd, do. 2; Col. Valentine Johnston, do. 2; William Cawnerd, do. 2; Mrs. Sarah Cawherd, do. 1; John Rogers, do. 2; John M. Ford, Gouchland co. 5; Robert Clark, do. 5; Elizabeth S. Jones, by Charles W. Jones, first instalment to make her a life member, Wynnsville, Fluvanna co. 5; Micajah Mador, Cartersville, 1; collection at Fork Church, Fluvanna co. in part to make Rev. Poindexter Smith a life member, 10; Rev. Poindexter Smith, for same purpose, Columbia P. O., 2; Henry Hudgins, New Canton, 1; John Martin, do. 50 cts.; Rev. Wm. Moore, Buckingham Court House, in part for life member, 5; Martha A. McCraw, New Store P. O. Buckingham co., by her husband, Thomas W. McCraw, first instalment to make her a life member, 5; Alex. Davis, do. 1; Rev. Arch. A. Baldwin, Walker's Church, P. O., Prince Edward co., 2; Judith Thornhill, Concord P. O. Campbell co., by husband, Joshua Thornhill, first instalment to make her a life member, 5; Mary Carson Thornhill, same place, by husband, Jesse Thornhill, first instalment to make her a life member, 5; Overstreet Dora, same place, 1; Mrs. Ann Hollins, Lynchburgh, 2 50; Francis Adams, Adamsville, 1; Lewis Wilburn, 1; Joseph Epper-son, Brookville, 2 50; Robert Calloway, do. 1; James Hamlet, Hamletsville, 2 25; Thomas Hamlet, do. 5; Elizabeth F. Davis, Charlotte, C. H., by her husband, Archer Allen Davis, in part of life membership, 5; Green Mosely, Dufrees, Charlotte co., in part for life membership, 5; Rev. C. F. Burnley, Charlotte co., 2; John Young Richards, do. 5; John F. Mosely, do. in part of life membership, 5; Sarah Mosely, do. in part of life membership, 5; Mrs. Sarah Ann Finch, do. in part of life membership, 5; Rev. Charles F. Burnley, by Jennings M. Jeffreys, in part of life membership, 5; Mrs. Susan A. Barnes, 2; Edward Haskins, 3; Richard Russell and wife, 5; Col. John F. Finch, Christiansville, in part of life membership, 5; Mrs. Nancy Smith, do. 2; James Smith, do. 3; Mrs. Mary Smith, do. 1; Mrs. Elizabeth do. 1; Elizabeth Frances Dabbs, Clarksville, by her husband, Joseph Dabbs, in part of life membership, 5; Miss Susan Delk, do. 1; Miss Martha Delk, do. 1; William A. Moody, do. 2; Rev. Elias Dailson, Brooklyn, in part of life membership, Elizabeth Jennett, Halifax, C. H., by her husband, John Jennett, in part of life membership, 5; Elizabeth F. Tanner, Spring Garden, Pottsylvania co., by her husband, Floyd Tanner, to make her life member, 30; James M. Brooks, Black Walnut, Halifax co. 2; Dr. Henry Pasly, do. 50 cts.; Col. Reuben M. Garnett, Newton, King and Queen co. per Rev. T. C. Teasdale, 2.

North Carolina.

Thomas Burret, Granville, co., \$2; John Ames, do. 5; collections by Rev. O. Briggs, agent: William Russell, Caswell co., 5; Calvin Graves, Esq. do. first instalment to constitute himself life member, 5; Mrs. Mary Patterson, Chapel Hill, second instalment to constitute herself life member, 5; Lucinda Purify, by her father, Rev. Wm. H. Merritt, first instalment to make her life member, 5; Joshua Williams, Huckney Cross Roads, 50 cts.; Muhala Burns, by her husband, Wm. Menter Burns, second instalment to constitute her life member, 5; Thomas Farish, second instalment, to make himself a life member, Chatham co., 10; John Foshee, do. 10; R. Dowd, do. 5; Mrs. Nancy Foshee, 25 cts.; Rebecca Dowd, 50 cts.; John Dowd, 25 cts.; Alex. Dowd, 1; Wm. Huckney, 50 cts.; Tristram Bostick, Montgomery co., second instalment to make himself life member, 5; Gen. Alfred Dockery, last instalment to make himself life member, 20.

South Carolina.

Collections by Rev. O. Briggs, agent: Mrs. Ann James McIver, 2d instalment to make her life member, per Dr. McIver, \$5; Allon McIver, per do. 2d instalment to make himself life member

Mississippi.

Natchez collection, \$18 33 Washington Adams co. 10: Fellowship Church, Jefferson collection, 7: Columbus Church, do. 10 37 Benjamin Whitfield, Esq. Society Ridge, Madison co. 10: Rev. Mr. Armstrong, Columbus, 3 Thos. Stewart, Esq., 2 Dr. Talifero, 1 Mrs. Caroline Whitfield, 3 Mrs. Gibson, 50 cts. Mrs. Dr. Jones, 1: Mrs. Walthall, 1 collections by Rev R. Winchell, agent. Vicksburgh, W H Sparks, 10 M. L. Ranney, 5 Wm. Bond, 5 N. W. Hatch, 5: Jackson, Hinds co, Pryor Lea 10 George Work, 2: a friend, 3: Antioch Baptist Church, Warren co., to constitute Rev. D. B. Crawford, the pastor, and R. Winchell life members, D. S. Boston, 10: Levi Stevens, 10 Mary Stevens, 10 Charles Geer, 2 John Bolles, 2 Rev. William Allen, 1 50. S. J. Caldwell, 2 50 H G Stevens, 2 50 R. M. Tindall, 1: John Adams, 5 Isaac Adams, 5. W. H. Eccles, 5 J. Stevens, 1 L. Stevens, 1; several friends, 1 50 Flower Hill Baptist Church, Warren co., 1 Slston, 88 cts. John Hebron, 2 J. W. Estes, 2. E. Marble, 5: R. H. Vaughan, 5: J. M. Martin, 1 Aquilla Woods, 1 William Naleed, 1 A Goodwin, 5 Thomas I. Jones, 2: D. C. McGregor, 1 D. Watts, 1: Roy, 1: J. M. Speers, 1 Sarah Ann Walcott, 5: Noah Raney, 50 cts.; Joseph Jones, 1, Joseph W. Tucker, 1: Wm. Hogan, 1 Wm Cowan 1 D. A. Cameron, 1 Mrs. Neeley, 1 H. W. Hill, 2 50. W. H. Craven, 2 50 Robert Washaw, 1 W. E. Bolles, 5: E. Bolles, 5 J. H. Davis, 25 cts. Wm. Freeman, 1: James Pace, Bakers Creek, 5 Fourteen Mile Creek, protracted meeting, J. E. Allen, 1: John P. Stewart, 50 cts. W. F. Dillon, 5: E. Lott, 50 cts.: Wm. Evans, 2 25 several friends, 2 16. Society Ridge, Benjamin Whitfield, 10. Mound Bluff, Madison co., subscriptions to constitute their pastor Rev N R Granberry, a life director, viz. by Miss B. J. Henry, 2 50. J. M. King, 2 50: O. E. Crawford, 2 50 George I. Hulme, 2 50: A. B. Felts, 2 50 Wm. J. Denson, 2 50: C. A. Lanier, 2 50 John Butler, 2 50: Dr. J. J. Shelton, 3 J M. McGill, 2 50 John J. Scott, 2 50 James H. Denson, 2 50 Mrs. I. C. Denson, 2 50 Mary C Denson 2 50 Mrs. I. C. Stone, 3: E. B. Anderson, 5 James Rawlings, 2 50: George W. Ribber, 2 50 O H. Perry, 2 50 by Miss Matilda Montgomery, Mrs. Jane Clarke, 1: F. Davis, 2 50 Mrs. F. Lagrand, 10 cts. Mrs. L. Wall, 2 Mrs. M. Loubay, 1 Mrs. N. Robb, 2: J. M. Robb, 2 50 A. L. Pinter 1: C. C. Herbert, 2 50: Daniel Keith, 5 Henry Hbley, 3: Dr. J. H. Danlevey, 1 O F. Pack, 2 Ellen Danolin, 2: Miss Montgomery, 2 50 by Mrs. Mary Jane Balfour, M. J Balfour, 5. Mrs. L. D. Balfour, 10. Dr. W L Balfour, 10 A. W. McGivern, 2 50: James H. Denson, 5 Master

J. H. Denson, 13 cts Master James Camp, 13 cts., from colored persons, 81 cts. Rodney, Jefferson co., Penelope McGill, 5. Silas H. Coleman, 1: Natchez, Adams co., Ira Carpenter, 5 H. Cyrus, 3.

Louisiana.

Collections at the Baptist Church, New Orleans, in part to constitute their pastor, Rev. Frederick Clarke, a life director, \$30.

Tennessee.

J. H. Marshall, Nashville, to constitute himself life member, through Cor. Sec., \$30: Baptist Ch., Nashville, in part to constitute Rev. R. B. C. Howell life member, 12.

Kentucky.

Collections by Rev R. Winchell, agent: Sep. Church at Covington, collection, \$4 53.

Missouri.

Collections by Rev Reuben Winchell, agent: Salem, Gasconade county, \$8 68; Richland, Calaway county, 6 47 Walnut Grove, Boone county, 4 85. Wm. Linton, do. 25 cts., Miss Lantz, do. 25 cts., Mary Lyman, do. 25 cts.; Miss Lantz, do. 25 cts., collections at Rockport, do. 1 40; do. at Bethelism, do. 5 68, do at Paris, Monroe county, 2 50, a friend, Columbus, Ohio, 75 cts.

Illinois.

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Iowa Territory.

Iowa Association. *First fruits*, per Rev. H. Johnson, \$6 87.

Michigan.

State Convention, \$200.

Ohio.

State Convention, per J. B. Whetson, Treasurer, through Cor. Sec., \$39 75; collections by Rev. R. Winchell Cleveland Baptist Church, 9; collections at Newark, 3 36, H. Carr, Granville 1, Ezra Goung 1, John Stevens, 1; Pascal Carter, 1; H. J. Dale, 1; H. Boardman, 1; Ralph Parsons, 1, Mrs. Boardman, 1; O. N. Sage, 3; B. Spielman, 1, J. Wilson, 1; Mrs. Weaver, Columbus, 1, a friend, 1; David D. Jones, Portsmouth, 1, Margaret Jones, 1; Elizabeth Corwin, 1, J. H. Garrison, 1, Mary Garrison, 1; J. M. Ashley, 1; J. H. Wait, 41 cts.

Canada.

Rev. John Butler, Rawdon, \$1 75.

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A

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B

Labcock, Rufus, jr. Poughkeepsie, N. Y.
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C

* C. Milford, N. Y. by the church and congregation

Cone, Spencer H., New-York. by the Oliver-street church, New-York.

Cookson, John, Troy, N. Y. by the church in Middletown, Con.

Crane, W. C. Montgomery, Ala.

*Crawford, Luther, by the Pine-street church, Providence, R. I.

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Dagg, John, L. Tuscaloosa, by the 5th church and congregation, Philadelphia, Pa.

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Eldridge, Daniel, Perry, N. Y. by the Broad-street church, Utica

F

Fletcher, Joshua, Saratoga Springs, N. Y. by the Saratoga Association

*Foster, E. by the church and congregation, Amesbury, Mass.

*Freeman, E. W. by the 1st church and congregation, Lowell, Mass.

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Fuller, Richard, Beaufort, S. C.

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G

Gillette, A. D. Philadelphia, Pa. by his church and congregation, Philadelphia

Going, Jonathan, President of Granville College, Ohio, by church in Worcester, Ma.

Granbery, N. R. Mound Bluff, Madison Co. Mi. by his church

H

Hague, William, Boston, Mass. by the 1st church in Boston, Mass.

Hall, J. G. Tenn. for services rendered

Hall, Addison, Kilmarnock, by the Morattico and Wicomoco churches, Va.

*Hammond, O. T.

Hartwell, Jesse, Carlowville, Ala. by the Darlington and Ebenezer churches, S. C.

Hill, Benjamin M. New-York, by the 1st church, Troy, N. Y.

Hill, S. P. Baltimore, Md. by the Sharp-street church

Hodge, James M. by Jno. A. Miller, New-York

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Howell, Robert Boyte C. Nashville, Tenn.

Huckins, James, Galveston, Texas, by the Ladies' Western Association of 1st church
Providence, R. I.

I

Ide, George B. Philadelphia, Pa. by Ladies of Federal-street church, Boston, Mass.

Jackson, Henry, New-Bedford, by the 1st church, Charlestown, Mass.

*Jacobs, Bela, by the 1st church, Cambridge, Mass.

Jeter, J. B. by the 1st church, Richmond, Va.

K

Kimball, C. O. Canton, Mass.

*Knowles, James D. by the 2nd church, Boston, Mass.

L

Laws, William, Accomac, Va.

Leverett, William, by the church in Roxbury, Mass.

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Loomis, Ebenezer, Lyme, Con.

M

MacLay, Archibald, New-York, by the church in Mulberry-street, New-York

Magoon, E. L. Richmond, Va. by the 2d church, Richmond, Va.

Malcom, Howard, President of Georgetown College, Georgetown, Ky. by the Federal
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Mallary, C. D. Rain's Store, Twiggs Co. Ga. by the Central Association

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Murphy, John C. Rahway, N. J. by friends in New-York.

N

Northam, Geo. Healey's P. O. Middlesex Co. Va. by Hermitage and Zoar church, Va.

O

Orr, David, Lawrence Co. Ark, by the Ladies' Western Association, Providence, R. I.

P

Packer, D. Mount Holly, Va.

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Pattison, R. E. Providence

nd congregation, New-York
and cong. Providence, R. I.

Peck, John, New-Woodstock, N. Y. by friends in New-York.
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